



Mugabe curbs press freedom

From Stephen Taylor Harare

In the second move against foreign correspondents in a week, the Zimbabwe Government yesterday gazetted emergency powers regulations which provide for censorship of reports on the security situation in Matabeleland.

The regulation, gazetted under the sweeping Law and Order Maintenance Act, are contained in a section titled "Control of information relating to terrorism." They enable the authorities to prohibit the broadcast or publication anywhere of facts or statements on terrorism, sabotage or anti-insurgency operations by the security forces.

The section is almost identical to its wording, that gazetted in January 1978 by Mr Smith's administration to censor reporting on the guerrilla war and which was scrapped by Mr Robert Mugabe's Government at independence. In some sentences the only change is from "Rhodesia" to "Zimbabwe".

The one significant difference is that the 1978 regulations covered the country as a whole, while the new regulations will apply to areas designated by the Minister of Home Affairs. By yesterday afternoon no area had yet been designated and the regulations were consequently not in effect.

The legislation has been restructured in response to a spate of reports on disappearing security problems in Matabeleland, the western province afflicted by banditry and guerrilla violence over the past 16 months.

A Government spokesman said yesterday, "This has been necessary because of events in Matabeleland and the kind of speculative reporting we have been getting".

Last weekend information beads of the six frontline states, including Zimbabwe, announced a ban on correspondents based in South Africa, saying that they had become agents of a policy of destabilization by Pretoria.

The Government has long maintained that Zimbabwe has been the victim of distorted and hostile reporting in the Western, mainly British, media. These claims intensified after the Matabeleland massacres of January and February and now scarcely a day goes by without some reference in the local media to "anti-Zimbabwe propaganda" in "the imperialist press".

One of the latest such barbs is understood to have brought a complaint from the British High Commission to the Editor of The Herald newspaper here. The objection was a long article published in The Herald on Thursday and written by a diplomat formerly accredited to the Zimbabwe High Commission in London. The article, run across 10 columns and headlined "Continued on back page, col 4"



Royal favourite produces a winner

The Queen's favourite racehorse has delighted her owner by becoming a mother at last (Chris Goulding writes).

Dunfermline, who first won the Oaks and then became one of the few fillies to win the St Leger in 1977, has a five-month-old filly foal (above) with her mother at the royal stud at Sandringham after a long history of disappointment in breeding plans.

When she was retired to stud the double classic winner was sent to America for a breeder's dream partnership with the great Epsom Derby winner, Nijinsky. But the mating was unsuccessful. An attempt was then made with another Derby winner, Roberto, but that also failed.

Back in England, she was sent to Kelkino, but that proved a third disappointment. Finally Dunfermline was sent to Newmarket where she was successfully mated with Dance in Time.

The Queen, whose special attachment to Dunfermline arose because her classic victories were in her jubilee year, takes an active part in planning the breeding of her racehorses and visited her several times during the confinement and after the foal was born.

Throughout her career Dunfermline was ridden by Willie Carson. Now she is in foal again to Dance in Time.

Later this year mother and daughter will part when the foal will begin her training for the racecourse. The Queen will have the task of naming her.

Photograph: David Cairns

ent". The report said, The system had failed to respond to social and political changes by adapting economic mechanisms to the needs and abilities of a far more sophisticated workforce.

The report said central controls had been increased rather than reduced, leaving no room for individual initiative. Anachronistic planning and management methods were perpetuated by a rigid and self-serving bureaucracy which feared change because it might threaten the "warm seats" occupied by useless executives.

"To solve this problem we need a fundamental restructuring of the state economic management system involving the abolition of administrative management methods with a high degree of centralized economic decision making".

As in the past, any attempt to introduce real reform would meet strong resistance, the report said. This could be overcome, however, provided the leadership was willing to mobilize workers and managers interested in change.

This did not mean the state planners at Gosplan, in Moscow, so much as the numerous ministries and departments which came between the planners and the factories. Sources said that in the event the Andropov leadership had been unable to steel itself for a show down with the bureaucrats, even though it sympathized with a great many of the report's points and accepted that an economy which had declining growth rates and was unable to meet elementary consumer demands was in need of effective remedies.

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Pound avoids worst of strong dollar advance

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The dollar soared to new peaks on world currency markets yesterday, despite continuing central bank intervention to dampen its progress, as fears of higher American interest rates intensified.

The pound, which had come under some pressure on Thursday, slumped by more than 2 cents to a low of \$1.4955.

This was its lowest level for more than four months and marks a fall over the past week of 3.50 cents. But other currencies have fared much worse.

Against the Deutschemark, the dollar yesterday surged to a 9 1/2 year high of DM2.6875 at the official Frankfurt fixing, and in Paris it set a record of FF8.0940, despite heavy dollar sales by the Bank of France.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been poured into the foreign exchange markets by leading central banks since they began concerted intervention a week ago. But they have proved incapable of holding down the American currency against the weight of private capital which investors want to move into dollars to take advantage of high and rising US interest rates.

An increase of 0.5 to 1 per cent in American banks' prime lending rates - the rates at which they lend to their best corporate customers - has been widely expected. Yesterday, another small US bank, the County Bank of St Louis, joined BancTexas in raising its prime rate from 10.5 to 11 per cent.

But gloomy predictions from Mr Albert Wajniower, the influential Wall Street analyst, that interest rates could go up

by a further 1 per cent this year have sent shivers through financial markets around the world. American interest rates are being pushed up by two main factors: an attempt by the US central bank - the Federal Reserve Board - to keep monetary growth within bounds; and the swollen federal budget deficit which threatens to compete for funds with the credit demands of private industry as the economy picks up.

The dollar's strength has raised fears in Britain that interest rates may have to go up to protect the pound. But the Government is firmly resisting this idea.

Higher interest rates would endanger the patchy recovery by increasing companies' borrowing costs.

Yesterday the pound rose 1.25 pence to DM3.9875 and 5.50 centimes to FF12, helping to boost its average value against a basket of currencies by 0.3 to 0.4 per cent of the 1975 value.

The Government's reluctance to see sterling strengthen against continental currencies underlies its decision not to join the other central banks. It has, however, dipped modestly into the markets to smooth sharp fluctuations.

Most City analysts believe the Government will get through the summer without a rise in interest rates. Firms' oil prices are likely to underpin sterling while domestic money supply and government borrowing figures - due out next Tuesday - are expected to be reassuring.

open it without discomfort. Treatment is expected to continue for a few more days.

Mrs Thatcher's doctors have left the decision on whether she should work entirely up to her.

After her son, Mark, had visited her for nearly an hour yesterday, a private secretary arrived with a ministerial red box. She tackled the contents for two hours, disposing of most of the outstanding business.

Mrs Thatcher has received flowers from the Queen and has written a letter of thanks by hand. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has also sent a floral arrangement, in a hush of speech.

Other gifts have included a necklace from her son, a large box of Turkish delight, contents of home-made gooseberry jam and a glass goblet engraved "Maggie".

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, has written by hand to Mrs Thatcher telling her that he is sorry to hear of her eye trouble.

He urged her to get rest, but she could not follow his example and take a sabbatical.

Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, has also written to wish Mrs Thatcher a speedy recovery.

France's refusal to accept several coloured people from Britain, who were crossing the Channel with 60-hour passports, was contrary to agreements between the two countries, the French immigration authorities were told yesterday by Britain.

The Foreign Office and the Home Office issued a rare joint notice designating to lay to rest any idea that the new French immigration policy had any connection with the British Nationality Act.

British officials believe that the French want to exclude black people and have used the Immigration Act as an excuse. They say there is no evidence for French suggestions that some British people without the right of abode have been crossing the Channel on day-trips and not returning.

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Sri Lanka silences Tamil voice

From Michael Hamiya Colombo

By 150 votes, to none, Sinhalese MPs effectively deprived the Tamil community of their only voice in Parliament by outlawing parties advocating separatism. The vote came yesterday morning.

The only Tamil party in Parliament, the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which made an independent Tamil state a plank in its platform in 1976, boycotted the special session of Parliament called to pass the sixth amendment to the constitution.

It bans talk of separation and compels all MPs to swear loyalty to a unitary and indivisible Sri Lanka.

The ball is now in the court of the TULF, the government spokesman said yesterday.

Most observers are sure TULF will not take the oath. Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, the prime minister, said during the debate: "We have also ensured

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Mr Premadasa: Carried vote by 150 to 0.

Kremlin document lashes economy

From Richard Owen, Moscow

A confidential Kremlin report containing devastating criticism of the Soviet economy has been leaked in Moscow only a week after the leadership announced reforms widely regarded as limited, timid and vague.

The detailed report was prepared by economic research institutes for internal Kremlin use and submitted to a secret conference of industrial managers and party officials in April.

Informed sources said the authors of the report - who included senior economists from the elite academic centre of Novosibirsk, in Siberia - had decided to make their findings available now because the reforms finally announced last week had been "less than half-measures" compared to the study group's original recommendations.

Andropov has frequently hinted at the need for overhaul to inefficient Soviet economic system since he came to power nearly 10 months ago, but disappointed his supporters with a series of measures which gave local managers vaguely defined powers but left central control firmly intact.

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Bomb kills 15 at Tripoli mosque

From Kate Dourian Beirut

At least 15 people were killed and 40 wounded when a car bomb exploded yesterday outside a mosque crowded with worshippers in Tripoli.

The explosion happened as Muslims were emerging after attending Friday prayers. One section of the mosque was destroyed and some people were trapped underneath the rubble before rescue workers dug them out.

Reports reaching Beirut said gunmen fired machine guns in the air to clear the way for ambulances carrying the victims to hospital.

In spite of the continuing sectarian strife in Lebanon, there have been few attacks on this scale aimed at places of worship. This was the first attack on a Muslim mosque in recent weeks and there is no indication who was responsible for the bombing.

Tripoli, the second largest city in Lebanon, lies 50 miles north of Beirut. Its population of 500,000 is predominantly Sunni Muslim.

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Thatcher resumes work in hospital

By John Winder

The Prime Minister resumed detailed work in her private room at Princess Christian Hospital, Windsor, yesterday after her eye operation on Wednesday. She also spent a short time taking the air in the hospital grounds.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is not yet using her right eye and has not been reading very much. However, she was able to dictate replies to messages in good will from well-wishers.

She signed a reply to a letter from Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, who last week wrote to her criticizing the conduct of Mr Bernard Ingham, her chief press secretary.

If Mrs Thatcher's good progress is maintained, she is to go in Chequers for a rest at the weekend before leaving for her planned holiday in Switzerland.

After visiting his wife last night, Mr Denis Thatcher said that the Prime Minister expected to leave hospital today. He said that hospital life was not entirely in her liking "and she will be jumping up and down in 48 hours, that's for sure".

Her surgeon, Mr Richard Packard, said that everything was fine and her right eye was "settling down". She could now

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Turkey places £146m order for Rapiers

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Aerospace is supplying £146m worth of its Rapier low-level anti-aircraft missiles in Turkey (our Defence Correspondent writes).

It is the first order for the system to be placed by a European member of Nato, although the United States has ordered it to defend its airfields in the United Kingdom.

The news was revealed in Turkey, and British sources refused to confirm it. However, it is understood that it is for 36 towed firing units equipped with blindfire radar enabling use in all weathers.

Luck of the Irish staked on oil strike

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

March this year to yesterday's price of 335p on the London Stock Exchange.

Mr Don Sheridan, managing director of Atlantic Resources, is under considerable pressure to elaborate on results of confidential preliminary drilling reports from the field. A £3.8m rights issue at 80p a share failed in May this year.

But in Dublin yesterday he said that no official comment on drilling progress could be made.

The main contractor in the field in question, is Gulf, which has been drilling this year since

Andropov says missile talks near standstill

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Moscow (Reuter) - President Yuri Andropov yesterday told the Portuguese Communist Party leader, Senhor Alvaro Cunhal, that he considered disarmament talks with the US in Geneva had come practically to a standstill, Tass reported.

Senhor Cunhal is visiting Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Communist Party central committee.

"The Geneva talks are practically at a standstill and the peoples of Europe find themselves confronted with a very dangerous situation threatening their peaceful life and their future", Tass quoted Mr Andropov as saying.

● WASHINGTON - Final agreement on United States and Soviet reductions in intermediate nuclear weapons is unlikely without progress first on limiting intermediate range missiles, the US negotiator, Mr Edward Rowley, said yesterday.

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Ministers ask the health regions to make even bigger cuts than expected

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

The Government is asking health authorities to cut staff by more than would be needed to meet the emergency cash cuts imposed this year by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

A letter sent to regional administrators last week encourages them to make even bigger cuts than expected, which would be "especially well received" by ministers.

Health authorities are convinced that the emergency cash cuts will be permanent and not a one-off reduction for this year only. If that proves to be the case the extra £80m for health spending announced last November will disappear.

Mr David Huckleby, chairman of the Association of Health Service Treasurers, said yesterday that the public must prepare itself for a new era in which the health service could not continue its present level of services.

His association is preparing a protest to health ministers on the staff targets set out in the letter. Those targets are seen as unfair because they are based on inaccurate payroll figures, assembled on March 31 this year when many authorities had not yet appointed staff needed because of health service reorganization.

The letter told regional administrators to aim for an overall reduction of staff of between 0.75 per cent and 1.0 per cent by the end of March, with the cuts to be applied to staff differentially. Doctors and dentists directly employed were to be included in the "front line" group of staff dealing directly with patients, while higher cuts were to be applied to the rest.

The second group, comprising works, maintenance, administrative, clerical, ambulance and ancillary staffs, was to be cut between 1.25 per cent and 1.8 per cent.

The larger reduction for that group is consistent with ministers' beliefs that cuts there can be achieved without affecting services to patients; an idea resisted by many health authorities because lack of support staff reduces the time spent on present care by medical staff.

Individual staff targets for each region were sent out with the letter. To make the calculations "consistent with ministers' wishes that manpower

Supergrass trial

22 jailed for terrorist crimes

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Twenty-two people including leading members of the Provisional IRA, were sentenced yesterday to jail sentences of between three years and life after being convicted of terrorist crimes largely on the word of their former associate, Christopher Black, a supergrass.

The jail sentences were imposed by Mr Justice Kelly at the end of a 121-day trial in Belfast Crown Court. Thirteen people walked free after receiving suspended sentences or absolute or conditional discharges for their part in lesser crimes, most of which were committed in 1981.

Each defendant was brought into the dock alone with only small groups of relatives and friends allowed into the public gallery to listen to his sentence. There was none of the uproar that has greeted verdicts in other trials, but as each of the 13 walked from the court there were cheers and clapping from people standing in the main court building.

Thirty men and five women were sentenced at the end of a trial during which three people were acquitted and the judge heard from 550 witnesses.

The heaviest sentences were given to Kevin Mulgrew, aged 27, the leader of an "active service unit" in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

Known to the police as "little Napoleon", Mulgrew and his gang plotted during the Maze hunger strikes to murder soldiers, policemen and part-time members of the security forces as part of the Provisional IRA's campaign to force Britain to withdraw from Northern Ireland.

He had been sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering Sergeant Julian Comolloy, of the Ulster Defence Regiment. Yesterday he received concurrent sentences totalling 963 years on 84 other serious charges.

He was found guilty of more terrorist crimes than anyone else in the case, including eight of attempted murder and thirteen of conspiracy to murder.

Sentencing him, the judge said that he had planned assiduously throughout 1981 to murder people and was a ruthless terrorist. "I do not expect any words of mine could ever raise in you a trace of remorse or prick your conscience."

Charles McKiernan, aged 23, the "hit man" of the unit, who shot a UDR soldier and the deputy governor of the Maze prison, received concurrent jail terms totalling 417 years, in addition to two life sentences.

He was convicted of 37 terrorist crimes, including conspiracy to murder and possession of firearms. The judge told him that he would not recommend a minimum period for him to spend in prison because there were "more sinister figures" in the group. But he was "the instrument used to execute these foul and loathsome murders".

Patrick Teer, Mulgrew's deputy, was jailed for 18 years for attempted murder and given other concurrent sentences on 43 other charges, including six of attempted murder and nine of conspiracy to murder.

Tobias McMahon, the explosives expert, was jailed for 15 years for conspiracy to murder members of the security forces and cause explosions.

Most of those sent to jail showed no emotion when they were sentenced. When the judge told Paul Kane, however, that he would be jailed for 18 years and blew a kiss to relatives in the public gallery as he walked from the court.

The only woman jailed was Miss Elizabeth McWilliams, aged 22, a factory worker who took a photograph of a workmate who was also a part-time member of the security forces and passed it to the Provisional IRA. She was jailed for three years for her "particularly mean and despicable crime".

Four get life sentences

The sentences passed in Belfast Crown Court yesterday were as follows:

Kevin Mulgrew, aged 27: Life for murder of UDR soldier; total of 963 years concurrent on 84 other serious charges.

Charles McKiernan, aged 23: Two life sentences for murdering UDR soldier and deputy governor of Maze prison; total of 417 years concurrent on 35 other charges.

Gerald Loughlin, aged 27: Life for murder of UDR soldier; sentences on four other serious charges.

Kevin Arnt, aged 23: Life for murder of prison deputy governor; jailed on one other serious charge.

Patrick Teer, 18 years for attempted murder; sentenced on 44 serious charges.

Paul O'Neill, aged 28: 17 years for attempted murder, 10 other sentences.

Tobias McMahon, 15 years for conspiracy to murder; three other sentences.

Paul Kane, aged 23: 18 years for conspiracy to murder; 17 other sentences.

James Donnelly, aged 21: 15 years for conspiracy to murder; 16 other sentences.

Edin Donnelly, aged 22: 18 years for possessing firearms; two other sentences.

Desmond Breslin, aged 30: Six years for possessing firearms; two other sentences.

Anthony Barnes, aged 26: Eight years conspiracy in armed robbery; five other sentences.

Patrick McFarley, aged 30: Eight years for "conspiracy to kidnap"; one other sentence.

Samuel Graham, aged 40: Seven years for malicious wounding; three other sentences.

Thomas Pringle, aged 47: Nine years for attempted murder; four other sentences.

Patrick Markey, aged 27: Twelve years for attempted murder; nine other sentences.

Thomas McKinnay, aged 40: Nine years for conspiracy to murder; two other sentences.

Michael Pierce, aged 29: Six years for "conspiracy to kidnap"; one other sentence.

John Donnelly, aged 38: Six years for membership of Provisional IRA.

Arthur Corbett, aged 47: Two years suspended for three years for membership of Provisional IRA.

Paul Mulverne, aged 27: Two years suspended for three years for possessing arms and membership of Provisional IRA.

Joseph Kelly, aged 22: Two years suspended for three years for hijacking and two other offences.

Edward McKinney, aged 46: Two years suspended for three years for possessing arms and three other offences.

Mrs Faniene McKinney, aged 42: Two years suspended for three years for possessing arms and three other offences.

Mark McKinney, aged 20: Conditional discharge for two years for assisting an offender; failing to give information to the police.

Mrs Rose Harvey, aged 71: Six months suspended for two years for allowing her home to be used by the Provisional IRA.

Peter Lagan, aged 22: Six months suspended for two years for assisting an offender.

Francis Murphy, aged 25: Twelve months suspended for two years for assisting an offender.

51: Absolute discharge for assisting an offender.

Mrs Margaret Rooney, aged 28: Five years recorded by judge, but bound over.

Three railmen killed

Rail travellers saw a train speed through their station yesterday dragging a man's body.

Three trackmen were killed just before 10 am when the 90mph train pulling empty passenger coaches, struck them half a mile east of Polmont, near Falkirk, on the Edinburgh to Glasgow line. British Rail said that the men, who died instantly, were going routine track maintenance.

Six other people, including the engine driver and three track workers, were taken to Falkirk Royal Infirmary suffering from shock. Three were discharged.

The police identified the dead men as Derek Gardner, aged 21, of Spinkhill, Laurieston, Falkirk; Gilmore Sillie, aged 45, of Glenburie Avenue, Larbert, Falkirk; and John Campbell, aged 25, of Bonny-side Road, Bonnybridge, near Falkirk.

The train was travelling from Edinburgh to Glasgow, Queen Street Station, with six empty coaches.

A British Rail investigator said: "Several people in the station saw the body of one man being dragged along the track.

Million TV-am viewers

A dispute broke out last night between the BBC and TV-am over audience figures for breakfast television.

TV-am, the commercial channel, claimed that it was closing the gap on the BBC. It said that new figures showed that it had a peak audience of one million during the week ending July 31 - a rise of 400,000.

The BBC's Breakfast Time audience fell by 300,000, to 1.2 million, according to Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.



Murder-hunt police seek men

Lothian and Borders police issued a police artist's impressions yesterday of two men they would like to interview about the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged five, on July 8.

The impressions were compiled from descriptions by two boys. The one with spectacles was from a boy aged 12 who saw a man sitting on the sea wall watching Caroline in the swing park in Portobello Promenade. Her body was discovered 10 days later near a lay-by at Twycross, Leicestershire.

Although similar the pictures may be of two different people. The boy has given fresh evidence that the man's face bled when he scratched his right cheek with dirty hands.

The second impression was from a boy aged 16 who made no mention of the man wearing glasses.

Police ambush four-man shotgun gang

Central Robbery Squad detectives ambushed an armed gang yesterday outside a British Telecom wages office in north London.

About 20 policemen with handguns lay in wait for four men armed with two sawn-off shotguns and a sledgehammer. No shots were fired and four men were arrested, Scotland Yard said.

The detectives, under the command of Detective Chief Superintendent Charles Faragher, acting on a tip-off, staked out the Telecom offices in Milton Way, Leabridge Factory Estate, Ponders End, early yesterday.

The detectives, based at Finchley, surrounded the offices before the gang arrived. When the raiders made a move, the men made a dash for it. Two of the gang were wearing white British Telecom overalls.

About 750 people work at the site where telephones and telephone exchange equipment are repaired. British Telecom declined to confirm that yesterday was pay day and would not say how much money was in the wages office.



Prince Andrew, sporting a beard after his three-week canoe trip in Canada's North West Territories, visiting the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Labour counts cost of leadership battle

By John Winder

At least one of the candidates in the Labour Party leadership elections is concerned at the cost and difficulty of reaching the electorate.

Many constituency parties have decided to seek the views of all members before taking a decision on whom to support, and in spite of the neutral wording of advice from the party headquarters in Watworth Road, south London, many are feeling encouraged to use proportional representation.

One candidate claimed yesterday that with a private income of £10,000 a year and a good printer he would be able to win the post he sought.

Meanwhile he was faced with differing demands from local parties and unions which say that they do not want the campaign to be fought in the national press. Demands are for statements from candidates of 100 words or more.

Labour's head office has issued guidance to local parties, on the authority of the national executive committee, "for parties which choose to involve the whole individual membership" in the election.

The guidance says that every fully paid-up member should be involved and invited to participate.

The general management committee of each party is charged, if it decides on that course, to ensure that every member is given a ballot form.

It says that forms may be returned in several ways, according to the amount of money available to the local party. They could be collected or delivered by hand and returned by post, either at members' expense or by stamped addressed envelope or by freepost.

Parties are advised to make arrangements for postal voting and to lay down a clear timetable for ballot arrangements.

They are advised to take a decision between "first-past-the-post" and proportional representation forms of balloting and then told how each system works.

The guidance says that a "count shall be held at a time and place convenient to most members and be open for any person to attend" and specifies that chairman, secretary and treasurer of the local party are responsible for the conduct of ballots.

A Conservative minister entered the leadership campaign last night with a speech attacking the manoeuvring in the battle as "a shadow-boxing sideshow".

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Social Security, speaking at Lirdeborough, Lancashire, said the contest had as much relevance to Britain's future as a discussion of the likelihood of Accrington Stanley becoming champions of the first division of the English Football League next season.

Hiroshima vigil at Greenham

By Richard Timmins

Several hundred protesters arrived at Greenham Common in Berkshire yesterday, as part of a series of marches, fasts and vigils being held worldwide to commemorate the 38th anniversary of the dropping of the Hiroshima atomic bomb in Japan.

They included people from 14 towns and cities on Star (Stop the Arms Race) marches who are joining a 100-strong Walk for Life, outside Greenham Common. That march set off from the Faslane nuclear submarine base in Scotland in May.

A fast is also due to be started by nine people who say that they prepared to die. They will continue "until significant steps are taken to break the momentum of the nuclear arms race".

As Hiroshima yesterday prepared to renew its appeal for nuclear disarmament, a leading Japanese physician has said that the bomb may have prevented widespread starvation and saved Japan.

Dr Taro Takemi, an immediate past president of the Japan Medical Association, who helped to conduct tests in 1945 which established for the Japanese that the attack was nuclear, said: "The military had driven Japan to a stage that if it could not win, it would not surrender".

The Hiroshima bomb claimed an estimated 92,000 dead and missing with more dying from radiation exposure. On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped a bomb on Nagasaki.

The Fast for Life was due to start in the United States, France and West Germany today.

Six people in Britain are starting a three-week fast in support.

Meriden appoints liquidator

From Clifford Webb, Birmingham

The remains 180 members of the Meriden motor cycle cooperative yesterday voted to put the company, which has debts of almost £2m into liquidation.

A year ago the Government wiped out debts of £11m owing on state aid received since the cooperative was formed eight years ago under the sponsorship of Mr Wedgewood Benn, who was then Secretary of State for Industry.

Several similar cooperatives were aided by Mr Benn having already closed.

Meriden has not produced a motorcycle since February, when the workers were laid off.

At the end of a five-hour meeting yesterday Mr John Rosamond, the workers' elected chairman, announced that the accountants Peat Marwick & Mitchell had been nominated as liquidator for a meeting of shareholders and creditors to be held on August 26.

The cooperative was launched in March, 1975 with the help of a £4.2 loan and a £750,000 grant.

Another factor in Meriden's favour was the general reluctance to admit that the once dominant British motor cycle industry - it held 70 per cent of world markets in the 1950s - could not be rescued. Triumph was one of the best known names in the industry and commanded immense loyalty among enthusiasts.

Only two years earlier the then Conservative Government, faced with the imminent collapse of BSA/Triumph, had provided £5m to smooth the way for Mr Dennis Poore to lead a single British motor cycle group combining AMC (AJS, Norton and Matchless) and Villiers (two-stroke engines) with BSA and Triumph to form Norton Villiers Triumph.

It was Mr Poore's decision to close Triumph Meriden and concentrate production on BSA's Birmingham works which triggered the Meriden situation.

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A carrier who has left the Greek island of Kos is expected to be blamed for the typhoid outbreak which has put 25 British holidaymakers in hospital.

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Reprieved killers readapt well to community life

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The fate of 61 men who were once sentenced to death in Britain but were reprieved and eventually released is disclosed in a study by a probation chief.

None killed again. The life sentence was just as effective for them as for other people who served it, according to Mr John Coker, Hampshire's deputy chief probation officer.

He followed what happened to 239 men with life sentences (including the reprieved killers) who were released between 1960 and 1974 and between 1970 and 1974.

His conclusion, published in the *British Journal of Criminology*, challenges the widely accepted belief that long sentences harm prisoners by ruining their capacity to fend for themselves and exist in the outside world.

On the contrary, Mr Coker found that the lifers he studied showed no obvious deterioration because of their long years in prison.

"In general, after a short period of resentment, sometimes accompanied by restlessness, they obtained and kept work and accommodation - satisfactorily by their own standards as well as those of the probation service and Home Office - and many married or remarried and made new homes."

Some men actually got better jobs than they had had before.

"Additionally these lifers revealed, generally, a fierce desire for independence and a capacity to manage their own lives competently."

One said: "In prison I had become more cunning and learnt self-preservation... people say prison makes you inadequate. It doesn't. It made you self-sufficient. I grew up."

But two of the 239 prisoners Mr Coker researched did kill again. Both were under psychiatric supervision at the time and were given a second life sentence. In both cases their first was for a domestic murder.

All 239 had been released gradually through the pre-release employment scheme and only when the arrangements for their return to the community were considered satisfactory by all concerned.

They had served between two and a half years' and 24 years' imprisonment, with an average time inside of nine and a quarter years.

During the follow-up period - between five and 19 years - 27 per cent of the 239 lifers were reconvicted for different types of offences, but most of these (17 per cent) for trivial ones, such as being drunk and disorderly or minor motoring offences.

Those convicted included 25 (10 per cent) whose offences were dealt with by either immediate or suspended imprisonment.

Mr Coker writes: "Lifers are a special, even elite group of prisoners, but their general profile is not unlike that of other prisoners."

They were mostly young (18-25), from the lowest socio-economic group and poorly educated.

Oxford degrees St John's College back at the top

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

St John's College has regained its place this year at the top of the Norrington Table, the annual ranking of the Oxford colleges' final examination results, after slipping to fourth position last summer.

Ousted from first place is University College, which finds itself sixth this year. The table shows some dramatic changes in the league, notably Worcester, which has dropped from eleventh position to bottom.

Also down are Oriel, the only all-male college, from sixth to ninth place; Lady Margaret Hall from eighth to tenth; Exeter College, which has moved from seventh to eighth position.

The table, named after Sir Arthur Norrington, a former president of Trinity College, is based on the degrees awarded. A first-class result gets three points, a second two points and a third one point.

To even the results between colleges of different sizes, those are expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible for each college.

The table, which is not an official university publication but is studied anxiously by dons, shows much bigger changes in the fortunes of colleges than it used to be. For example Jesus, not known traditionally for its academic excellence, this year finds itself second.

Hertford, after dropping to eighth place last summer, is back with the front runners in third place. A little-known college in the past, it is still basking in the success of the matriculation offer pioneered by its principal, Geoffrey Warnock, in the 1970s. That enables Hertford to take bright students from comprehensives on the basis of their potential.

Lincoln has risen from twelfth to seventh place, as has Merton, up from twenty-second to fourteenth. Christ Church is up from twenty-sixth to sixteenth. This year both Christ Church and Merton had their first women finalists, having gone mixed in 1980.

Other single-sex colleges languished in the bottom half of the table with St Hilda's, eighteenth, Somerville, twenty-first and St Hugh's, twenty-fifth. But the overall standard was up. The percentage of firsts rose from 12.7 to 14 and the number of seconds and thirds fell slightly.

Balliol got the most firsts, 29, compared with St John's 20. Worcester had the most thirds, 20.

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College	Points	Max	Per cent	Pos
St John's	218	300	72.0	1 (4)
Jesus	181	232	77.6	2 (8)
Christ Church	175	216	80.6	3 (1)
St Catherine's	215	303	71.0	4 (3)
Balliol	207	281	73.7	5 (4)
University	205	281	73.3	6 (2)
Lincoln	128	152	84.2	7 (2)
Exeter	174	249	69.9	8 (2)
Merton	178	252	70.6	9 (1)
Magdalen	243	354	68.6	10 (13)
New Coll	229	339	67.5	11 (7)
Trinity	229	339	67.5	11 (7)
Queen's	176	255	69.0	13 (5)
Merton	129	189	68.2	14 (2)
Oriel	139	204	68.1	14 (5)
Christ Church	225	330	68.2	15 (2)
St Hilda's	202	297	68.0	15 (2)
St Hilda's	189	279	67.7	16 (3)
Trinity	146	215	67.9	16 (4)
Magdalen	228	339	67.2	17 (2)
Corpus Christi	126	182	69.2	17 (2)
St Antony's	126	182	69.2	17 (2)
Lady Margaret Hall	183	262	69.9	18 (3)
New Coll	188	269	69.9	18 (3)
Trinity	170	247	68.8	19 (5)
St Peter's	148	217	68.2	20 (5)
Worcester	109	160	68.1	20 (11)
Total	5376	7308	66.6	Am

(Last year's position in brackets)

College	1	2	3	Total
Balliol	29	12	18	117
Christ Church	13	26	5	54
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Corpus Christi	10	16	12	38
Exeter	14	23	6	43
Hertford	18	7	8	33
Jesus	27	17	6	50
Lincoln	17	28	5	50
Lady Margaret Hall	16	27	11	54
Magdalen	14	20	13	47
Merton	12	47	9	68
New Coll	15	24	14	53
Oriel	15	26	8	49
Queen's	14	23	8	45
St Antony's	10	20	15	45
St Catherine's	18	23	8	49
St Edmund Hall	18	24	8	50
St Hilda's	14	28	11	53
St Hilda's	2	20	14	36
St John's	2	27	11	40
St Peter's	1	27	7	35
Trinity	18	27	7	52
University	1	27	7	35
Worcester	9	21	9	39
Total	317	2028	283	2628

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Balliol	24.8	61.5	13.7	1	142
Christ Church	12.6	78.6	5.9	12	3
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Corpus Christi	10.8	75.9	13.3	5	17
Exeter	14.8	75.9	9.3	3	17
Jesus	18.8	71.0	10.2	5	17
Lincoln	17.8	75.8	6.4	5	17
Lady Margaret Hall	14.4	78.8	6.8	10	8
Magdalen	12.7	73.3	14.0	5	16
Merton	12.7	73.3	14.0	5	16
New Coll	12.7	73.3	14.0	5	16
Oriel	12.7	73.3	14.0	5	16
Queen's	12.7	73.3	14.0	5	16
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Total	14.0	75.0	11.0	21	

(Equal standings)

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Stabbed soccer fan's murder remains a mystery, judge says

The murder of a football fan during a pitched battle, which was provoked by hooligans, would probably remain a mystery, a judge said yesterday at Southwark Crown Court.

John Dickinson, aged 24, an Arsenal supporter, who was stabbed through the heart outside Highbury Stadium, north London, in May last year, was the victim of trends in soccer violence, unprovoked by a few years ago, Judge Lowry QC said.

In spite of a big police operation, and two lengthy trials, which began in April, there were still no clues as to who killed Mr Dickinson, the judge said. The case had been transferred from the Central Criminal Court.

Although hundreds of people were interviewed, and dozens of arrests were made, the person responsible had not been identified, "because of a dreadful conspiracy of silence on the part of everyone", the judge said.

He added: "All too often, as in this case, it is not possible to prove guilt." The case had disclosed, "in vivid, and depressing detail", the downward trend towards anarchy among football fans.

Judge Lowry described the "dismal consequences" of hooliganism at matches: large police presences at grounds; games interrupted or abandoned; and loyal fans put in terror.

He made his comments when dealing with two West Ham supporters, Paul Hull, aged 18, a handyman, of Waverley Road, Harrow, and Paul Brindley, aged 23, a bricklayer, of Girdlestone Walk, Upper Holloway, north London, who were originally charged with murdering Mr Dickinson. Magistrates dismissed the murder allegations last December.

Hull was ordered yesterday to complete 150 hours unpaid community service work when he admitted assaulting Mr Dickinson and another Arsenal fan, Paul Dineen, aged 24. Dineen had been sentenced to nine months imprisonment in May for his part in the Highbury battle.

Brindley was remanded on bail until next month for probation reports when he admitted assaulting Dineen.

Their appearance came after the acquittal of Brindley and eight other West Ham supporters on charges of affray arising out of Mr Dickinson's death.

Judge Lowry told the pair, of previous good character, that the had to reflect sensible public opinion, but it would not be right to "vent the wrath of society" on them because they had spent several months in custody facing a murder charge.

Both Hull and Brindley denied being members of a "new breed" of soccer hooligans, the ICF (Inter-City Firm), although ICF stickers were found at Hull's home.

Mr John Rogers QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Dickinson was killed after an Arsenal versus West Ham match which the ICF had "targeted" for deliberate confrontation and savagery.

Mr Dickinson, a plasterer, of Wryvil Road, Vauxhall, south London, died in the street after trying to lead a "charge" against West Ham rivals. He was allegedly armed with a broom.

Hull, who admitted kicking Mr Dickinson and Dineen before the stabbing, told the police: "If we get a fight at a football match it is a bonus on the day." Brindley admitted kicking Dineen.

Last May, Dineen and four other Arsenal fans were sentenced for their part in the violence.



Battle over: Mrs Patricia Neal and her baby, Clare. (Photograph: David Cairns).

I love her and still want her back, doctor says of wife

Dr Robert Jones, aged 40, the doctor who waited nine days before telling police that his wife had disappeared, said he still loved her and wanted her back.

He dismissed allegations, prompted by a police search of his farmhouse and grounds in Coggeshall, near Colchester, Essex, that he had killed his wife, Diane, aged 35, a former social worker and the mother of his child aged 19 months. "That question is a ludicrous one, and the answer is a very, very firm 'no', he said.

Asked whether he still loved his wife, with whom he has lived for a stormy and mainly unhappy three years, he replied: "Yes, yes, I do, and I want her back."

He added: "I think the world of her. She is an extremely beautiful woman and when she is sober there is not a nicer person to know."

He said that local people described him as a "romeo" because he had been married three times. "I find them absolutely offensive."

Dr Jones was speaking at his home as the police continued a big search - including the sending of divers to a reservoir near by - for his wife who disappeared on the night of Saturday, July 23, after an evening drinking which ended in the village's Woolpack Inn.

The doctor said of that night: "I took her to the pub as Diane always said I was ashamed of taking her down to the village."

"We had been getting on very well all evening but at closing time Diane wanted another drink and I escorted her out of the pub with the landlord and his wife."

"At 11.15 I dropped her outside the front door of our house because she did not want to spoil her high heels walking on the gravel. I then parked the car in the garage, but when I came back she was not there."

"I was not surprised. I was just annoyed; it was not out of character for her to do something like this."

Dr Jones disclosed that on the next Tuesday his solicitor had told him that Mrs Jones had asked her solicitor to arrange for her husband to pay her maintenance for a separation. It was only on the Monday after that Dr Jones was told that his wife had made her request the day before her disappearance.

"It was only at that time that I became really alarmed and telephoned the police," he said. "I really do not know what can have happened to her. I simply have not a clue. But she will not be in the reservoir because she hated walking."

Dr Jones said his relationship with his wife had always been one of "bits of ups and downs" during which time there had been countless separations, sometimes of up to two or three months.

"When I met her she had a drink problem and was very insecure, but I thought I could help her to get over it," he said. "She desperately wanted children. But our first child was taken away after she was born."

"In September, 1982, we got married because I was very fond of her and wanted to legitimize my baby. But three days later my wife was drunk again."

The couple eventually both made single applications for access to their child, but both were rejected. The child was then adopted and Mrs Jones again moved in with her husband.

The faceless men of violence

The evil methods of a new breed of football hooligans were disclosed during two lengthy trials at the Central Criminal Court which ended yesterday.

The ICF (Inter-City Firm), gang of 500 toughs, has been responsible for outbreaks of violence during the past three seasons. They descend on grounds and have brought disgrace to the game by creating as much havoc as possible.

ICF members recruited mainly from the ranks of London-based clubs, have had their own "calling cards" printed to leave in the pockets or on the bodies of their viciously beaten victims. "Congratulations. You have just met the ICF," they proclaim.

Most of the thugs claim to be West Ham United followers. But they have teamed up with others to form the ICF, whose sole intention is to disrupt and spark battles at first division games.

They try to remain faceless, travelling by Inter-City trains, and shunning the regular football "specials" or coaches. Teenaged or in their early twenties, the ICF contingent, beer-swilling big-spenders, hold regular meetings to plan their campaigns.

They are able to infiltrate any ground because they do not wear team colours or display any outward sign of support. Many ICF members wear the long, blue or brown coats favoured by warehousemen. They also wear peak caps or trilby hats, reinforced with wood or metal. Some carry rolled umbrellas with fleecy sharpened metal points to use as swords.

It was the ICF which was behind violence at Arsenal's Highbury ground in May last year when dozens were injured and Mr John Dickinson, an Arsenal supporter, was stabbed to death.

At the end of the first trial in May, Judge Argyll, QC sentenced five Arsenal fans for their part in the fighting. The judge urged "the establishment" to do all in its power to end soccer violence.

Tipstiffs end mother's hospital sit-in

Mrs Patricia Neal appeared in court yesterday after tipstiffs ended her sit-in at Crawley Hospital, West Sussex, by arresting her (David Nicholson-Lord writes). She was led out of the hospital in her nightclothes, with her baby in her arms.

She gave birth at the hospital at the beginning of June and then refused to leave, defying a court order, in protest conditions in the one room in Springfield Road, Crawley, which she shares with her husband and their two older children.

Yesterday, facing an order for committal to prison, she promised to abide by the court order. Mrs Adrienne Uziell-Hamilton, her counsel, said that Mrs Neal had been "at her wits' end."

Mrs Neal, aged 28, said after the hearing: "I shall have to go back home but at least I have really tried to find somewhere better for me and my family. I know I have really done my best."

The Neals are living in local authority bed-and-breakfast accommodation after leaving their council house last August, days before they were due to be evicted for £500 rent arrears. Mrs Neal claims the present accommodation is infested with rats, fleas and cockroaches.

Mrs Uziell-Hamilton said that the West Sussex social services department could not help Mrs Neal and Mr Peter Neal, her unemployed husband, because Crawley council was insisting on payment for arrears and alleged damage to the council home.

Mrs Neal was formally discharged from hospital on July 1 but refused to leave until she was rehoused.

The hospital let her stay but the Mid-Downs health authority last week secured an injunction against her remaining. Mr Justice Nolan yesterday ordered her committal to prison for a day as the "most convenient, if unpleasant" way of ensuring that she appeared before him at 2pm.

When Mrs Neal was brought into court at 2.55 pm, still wearing her bedroom slippers but having changed into a cardigan and skirt, the judge told her that there were no grounds for treating her as a criminal.

He added: "You have sincerely feel you have a complaint against the housing authorities but that cannot be pursued against the hospital authorities and the patients and staff for whom they are responsible."

Mrs Neal said afterwards that she had expected to go to prison. "When I knew they were coming I was very shaky and nervous but when I saw what nice people they were it made me feel a lot better and easier."

Edinburgh Festival aid is cut

The Edinburgh Festival is to lose money because of the Government's 1 per cent reduction in its arts budget (our Arts Correspondent writes). The festival, which opens on August 21, has had more than £4,000 cut from a £421,000 grant from the Scottish Arts Council.

The council has told 53 organizations receiving grants for 1983-84 that they will be cut by 1 per cent.

Mr Timothy Mason, director of the council, said in a letter to the organizations that it had expressed "very serious concern" at having to withdraw from commitments already entered into on the basis of the Government's original offer of funds, in order to make good the overspending in other areas of government finance.

The Scottish Opera is to lose £23,850; the Scottish National Orchestra £9,200; Scottish Chamber Orchestra £4,050; Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, £3,310 and the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow, £2,820.

Coroner's plea to friends of sniffers

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

A coroner yesterday urged teenagers to report to the police or to their parents any friends who were sniffing glue or other substances.

Mr Rex Taylor, the Wirral coroner, made his plea at an inquest at Bromborough into the death of John Worthington, aged 17, a student of Hamilton Road, New Brighton, Merseyside.

He collapsed and died from a heart attack after sniffing fumes from a fire extinguisher that he had stolen from a train.

Mark McCoubrey, an apprentice toolmaker, of Arnside Road, Liscard, Merseyside, said he pleaded with his friend to give up sniffing. He said he knew that John regularly inhaled lighter fuel and fire extinguisher fumes.

He had once revived his friend by shaking him violently after he had passed out while sniffing lighter fuel.

He did not tell his friend's parents because he did not want to let them down.

Mr Donald Worthington, the dead youth's father, said "if someone had told us he was sniffing we would have dealt with the situation." He said the problem was that the youth sniffed a substance which was undetectable.

Recording a verdict of death by misadventure, the coroner said: "If only youngsters would get rid of the idea that they are telling tales."

"If they tell police or parents their friends are sniffing glue or gas from fire extinguishers we might prevent other cases like this happening. What a ridiculous thing to feel that your are letting someone down and end up helping to take his own life."

Wife lived fantasy of wealth

From Our Correspondent, York

A fantasy world of wealth invented by a woman to ensure her suitors was ended at York Crown Court yesterday.

Julie Smith, aged 27, of no fixed address, had spun a web of deceit and lies to cream off thousands of pounds from two men who married her.

Smith, who admitted obtaining services by deception from her second husband, was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment after Judge John Bosomworth said that he had been "appalled" by the story of anguish and hurt she had left behind.

Mr Michael Bosomworth, for the prosecution, said that Smith had paid a £1,500 bill for her wedding reception with a bouncing cheque after claiming she was to receive "substantial legacies" from relations.

She told her husband, Mr Stephen Smith, that she owned two farms and was about to inherit thousands from her dying mother, and wrote out a cheque for £25,000 to buy her in-laws a bungalow behind their home in Pickering, North Yorkshire.

At her wedding reception Smith handed out cheques for hundreds of pounds to staff as tips to support her impression of being wealthy.

She was eventually arrested after her in-laws tried to cash the cheque for the bungalow and discovered that she had run up an £18,000 overdraft.

The court was told that similar offences had been committed during Smith's previous marriage, for which she had been given a six months' suspended sentence for obtaining property by deception.

Man killed as beach tunnel collapses

A man aged 28 died yesterday on a beach at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, after a tunnel he was digging collapsed. Mr Graham Pepper, a fisherman from Humberstone, was married with two children.

Holidaymakers who dug frantically with their hands and toy spades said that he had been buried for about 20 minutes before the rescue services arrived.

Fire Officer Terrence Blyth said afterwards: "He was lying face down in the trench, which was about five ft deep. He seems to have been kneeling in the trench and was then pushed forward on to his face by the weight of the sand."

The man had dug a 20 ft long trench and no one knew exactly where he was buried. We were digging in the wrong part of the trench for five minutes."

Inspector David Cushing, who led the police rescue, said: "It was a hell of a job to dig him out. The sand was so soft and loose it kept falling back in. There seemed no reason why anyone should want to dig such a huge hole. It is always dangerous."

Sergeant Peter Bladon, who is stationed with the RAF at Cottesmore, Leicestershire, said that he and his family had been fascinated by Mr Pepper's efforts.

"Then a woman began screaming that the hole had collapsed. My wife ran to telephone and I dashed over and began digging with my hands. Everyone around joined in with buckets and spades trying desperately to reach him."

An inquest was opened and adjourned yesterday after Mrs Yvonne Pepper, of Butterfield Road, Hessele, had given evidence of her husband's identity. She said that they had two children, aged four and two.

Two face pub murder charge

Three men faced Harrow magistrates yesterday on charges arising from a fight at the Eastcote Arms, Northoph, west London, last month after which Mr Bruce Melville, aged 39, unemployed, of Dorchester Gardens, Northolt, died. His brother Michael, was injured.

Richard Burns, of Martie Drive, Northolt, and Lee Gates, also aged 21, of Perwell Avenue, Rayners Lane, were charged with murder and causing actual bodily harm. David Kerr, aged 21, of The Heights, Northolt, was accused of causing grievous and actual bodily harm. All were remanded in custody for a week.



Muhammad Ali arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday. He is to spend a week in Britain and will open a community centre in Birmingham on Tuesday.

Dennis Nilsen given legal aid

Dennis Nilsen, who is accused of five murders, was granted legal aid by Judge Tudor Price at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to enable solicitors to help to prepare for his trial in October.

Mr Nilsen, aged 37, a former civil servant and police cadet, of Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, north London, had earlier with a barrister said that he would conduct his own defence. He was further remanded in custody.

Fare cut by 25% on ferry shuttle

Sally Line is to introduce a 25 per cent discount "shuttle" scheme on its Ramsgate to Dunkirk ferry route from Monday until the end of September.

The return fare for two adults and two children in an average sized car will fall from £116 to £87. Tickets will be sold in advance by travel agents, but places on the ferry cannot be booked.

Honeymooners return to marry

Steven Marsden and Louise Antcliff cut short their honeymoon in Paris and returned home yesterday, to get married.

This time there was no need to take photographs. The couple and their eight bridesmaids had posed for those outside Christ Church, Newark, in Cambridgeshire, the previous Saturday. There had even been a reception and evening discotheque.

The first wedding ceremony never took place because Mr Marsden, aged 23, a postman, told his bride, aged 24, her parents and the vicar that he was divorced.

The Rev Michael MacLachlan visited the Antcliff home in Stoke Avenue, Newark, only four hours before the wedding was due to take place to say that he was unable to marry them.

Mr MacLachlan is not saying how he discovered that Mr Marsden was divorced, but his failure to say so meant the ceremony could not go ahead.

He said: "I was surprised when they decided to carry on. They all came dressed up in their best. I did not stay to attend the celebrations."

The Antcliff family, with 16 children and 24 grandchildren, had not wanted to disappoint the little bridesmaids. Mr Antcliff said: "We could not let them down. How could anyone tell them it was all off?"

"The lad wanted to get married in church but it was not the way to go about it. Everyone enjoyed it, it was a perfect day."

Mr MacLachlan has told the couple he will conduct a service of thanksgiving for the marriage, which took place yesterday in Newark register office.

Severed arm victim improving

By Richard Dowden

Mr Roy Tapping, whose left arm was sewn back after it was ripped off by a hay baler, left his hospital bed yesterday for the first time since the accident on June 27.

Mr Bruce Bailey, the surgeon who supervised the original 10-hour operation at Stoke Mandeville, said that Mr Tapping, of Bledlow, Buckinghamshire, was as cheerful and jovial as ever and very well.

Earlier this week Mr Bailey and his team inserted an eight inch metal bar a quarter of an inch thick across the break to reinforce the bone. Three inches of crushed bone were removed in the original operation.

Mr Bailey said: "We will not know for certain for about 18 months how successful the operations have been."

Mr David Ruffell, the factory worker who lost his arm in a wood planning machine the day after Mr Tapping's accident, was discharged from hospital last week after his sewn back arm had been amputated at Ostlock hospital, Salisbury.

Mr Carl Dickinson, aged 11, who lost an arm and badly injured the other after being trapped in a factory machine, was under sedation at St Luke's hospital, Bradford, yesterday (the Press Association reports).

The boy, of Golcar, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was visiting a carpet factory on Thursday when his arms became caught in a press.

Phillips rounds on critics

Captain Mark Phillips yesterday silenced the critics of his do-it-yourself cross-country trial course with an effortless round in the grounds of Gatcombe Park, his Cotswold home.

The round, on his Land-Rover team horse Classic Lines, came hours after the course was officially cleared by RSPCA inspectors who were investigating complaints that many of the 25 jumps were too difficult.

Hundreds of spectators came to see Captain Phillips test the jumps at their maximum heights. His round of the two-mile course took just over six minutes.

The round was aimed at allaying fears over the difficulty of the course, which is the first designed by Captain Phillips in his 15 years' experience of eventing.

When the jumps were shown on television earlier this week several complaints were received from the public about the severity of the fences.

After an inspection yesterday by two RSPCA men, Mr Mike Bullen, the British Horse Society steward-in-charge, said: "Obviously they left satisfied having seen all the fences."

More than 40,000 people are expected to attend the two-day event which began yesterday with dressage and show jumping. It continues today with further dressage, show jumping and the main cross country event. In all, about 160 competitors are taking part.

Judge hits at 'work escape'

A Central Criminal Court judge said yesterday that unemployed people always found a job when they were about to be jailed.

Judge Gibbins, QC, said: "In spite of there being over three million people unemployed, if you are liable to be sent to prison, there is always a job round the corner. I am afraid one becomes rather cynical."

He was speaking after hearing that a job as a hod carrier was available to Glandon Morgan, of Aldine Street, Shepherd's Bush, west London.

Morgan, appearing before the court on his 33rd birthday, was jailed for six months after admitting driving while disqualified.

The judge told solicitors representing Morgan that they should "examine their consciences" about squandering public money on bringing the case to the Central Criminal Court, instead of persuading him to have it heard by magistrates.

Morgan was arrested after knocking over a scooter rider in London last year.

The case was sent to the court because Morgan had insisted on being tried by jury. Mr Michael said.

Family's car smashed in police trap

The police have ordered an inquiry into why a family's Mini Metro was commandeered for an improvised roadblock, it was disclosed yesterday. The car was severely damaged when it was struck by another vehicle involved in a police chase.

The Metro, carrying Mr Gordon Phillips, his wife Jo and two children, Holly, aged seven, and Joshua, aged 10, was flagged down by the police on the A134 at Shouddham Thorpe, Norfolk, on July 28.

The family were asked to leave the three-month-old car in the middle of the road as a makeshift roadblock, but before they could get out it was rammed at high speed.

Mr Phillips, of Fincham, Norfolk, said yesterday: "We honestly did fear for our lives."

The Assistant Chief Constable of Norfolk, Mr John Hall, said yesterday that a senior officer would investigate the incident.

The police have paid for the hire of a car while damage to the Metro, estimated at £2,250, is repaired. Mr Hall said: "Whoever pays out, the Phillips will not be the losers."

A man was arrested and charged after the incident.

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Calm Shultz rules out use of force in Central America

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, brought his calm and conciliatory manner to bear on a sceptical Senate foreign relations committee with repeated assurances that military conflict is not contemplated in Central America.

He gave the performance that the White House was hoping for - a no nonsense statement of Administration strategy in the region, a vigorous defence of huge military manoeuvres in and around Honduras, and an assertion that as a result of American peace efforts "something has now begun to happen" on the diplomatic front.

He suggested that the US show of strength had given incentives to Cuba, Nicaragua and leftist guerrillas in El Salvador to negotiate for peace. He said American forces in the region were not seeking confrontation and would withdraw - though defending themselves - if attacked.

Mr Shultz's opening statement to the committee, and his responses to generally mild but worried questioning, emphasized the two main strands of

US strategy: to persuade left-wing forces to take part in elections and regional peace negotiations; and to mount a powerful US military presence as a warning to Cuba and Nicaragua about continued arms supplies to leftists.

The State Department was yesterday studying two fresh developments in Central America. At face value one is acutely disheartening to the Americans - a statement by the Salvadorean guerrilla movement that "the North American plan is about war. Intervention is the only north American plan for Central America."

The Statement, issued on radio, was the first comment from the rebels after they agreed six days ago to talks with Mr Richard Stone, the special US ambassador to the region, at the Presidential Palace in Bogota, Colombia.

Mr Shultz made much play before the Senate committee of Mr Stone's contacts with leftists in Nicaragua and El Salvador and pointed to the conciliatory tone being adopted by Dr Fidel Castro. "A victory by the far left

and its foreign supporters through armed force is not on the cards," Mr Shultz said.

"Our adversaries' options, which have so far stressed force, must be narrowed towards negotiation and dialogue. It is the responsibility of the Administration and Congress to make certain that nothing is done to weaken the tools that can bring this about."

During the hearing Mr Shultz received some heavy compliments for being a steady hand at the State Department. Although his stock is generally high there is a feeling in parts of the Administration that his low-key manner has contributed to a lack of public perception of the Government's aims in Central America.

The White House has taken direct, day-to-day control of policy. Two of President Reagan's principal mentors on Central America are Mr William Clark, the National Security Adviser, and Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the US Ambassador to the United Nations.

The professorial Mr Shultz has made no visible attempt to

dominate policy-making and his aides say he often reminds his own senior staff that they are part of a team. They say he is intensely loyal to the White House and has no desire for a more visible role.

MANAGUA: Nicaragua withheld press permits for journalists to witness yesterday's unloading of a Soviet ship which President Reagan alleges is bringing arms to the Sandinista regime (Reuters reports).

President Reagan said last week that the ship was carrying military helicopters. Nicaraguan authorities say it is bringing in general cargo.

Commenting on the possibility that journalists might be denied access to the port, Nicaraguan officials said the Government had no reason to prove anything to foreign countries east of all the US.

In international waters off Nicaragua's Pacific coast at the weekend, the vessel was called on to identify its cargo and destination by the Lynde McCormick, one of a patrol of US warships manoeuvring

President overthrown after nine months

Ousted Prime Minister seizes power in Upper Volta coup

Ouagadougou (AFP) - At least five people died in an apparently successful coup against the Upper Volta leader, Major Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo, sources at the Yalgadogo Ouédraogo Hospital said yesterday.

The dead were two soldiers and three civilians. Six French nationals, including a four-year-old child, were among the 15 people known to have been wounded in the fighting, which followed the coup by the former Prime Minister, Captain Thomas Sankara.

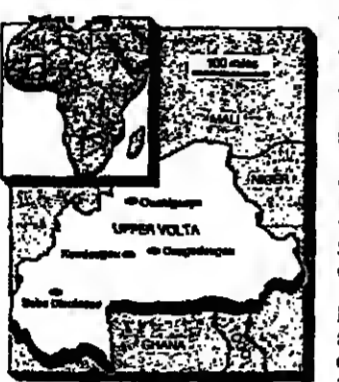
The French casualties were returning from a restaurant near the home of Major Ouédraogo's residence when they were hit by bursts from automatic weapons.

Captain Sankara yesterday claimed to be in perfect control of the situation throughout Upper Volta. Dressed in paratrooper combat fatigues, he told AFP that Major Ouédraogo was in his residence "under Army guard for his own protection".

He said: "We intend to treat him with humanitarianism." The new rulers had not made any arrests.

ABIDJAN: Diplomatic sources here said that 13 people died in the fighting (Reuters reports).

Captain Sankara, aged 34, who was dismissed as Prime Minister in May, set up a National Revolutionary Council after the coup on Thursday night and appeared to be firmly in control, informed sources in Ouagadougou said.



Under guard: Mayor Jean-Baptiste Ouédraogo

Thursday night, as well as several other parts of the sprawling capital, but informed sources said the coup appeared to have been carried out with surprising ease.

Some prominent military officers and civilians loyal to Major Ouédraogo, including a trusted adviser, Colonel Gabriel Some Yorian, managed to evade arrest, the sources said.

Moments after gunfire was heard around the national radio and television building, a first communiqué read on the radio announced the overthrow of Major Ouédraogo, who seized power in November last year, ousting another military ruler, Colonel Saye Zerbo.

The Ouagadougou sources said the situation yesterday was tense but quiet. The airport was closed to international traffic.

The latest coup is the fourth since this impoverished West African nation gained independence from France in 1960.

Major Ouédraogo seized power with the avowed aim of ridding the country of corruption but soon a serious split became apparent between left-wing and moderate elements within his 120-member People's Salvation Council.

PARIS: If Captain Sankara consolidates his power, the coup will signify a powerful return of Libyan influence, observers believe (AFP reports).

This would increase the fears of governments in several other African states, in particular neighbouring Niger, which also has a border with Libya.

Chad to get \$15m US military aid

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan has authorized \$15m (£10m) more in emergency military aid to Chad in his fight against Libyan-backed insurgents.

The money, which will come from a special \$75m fund allocated for emergencies, is in addition to £10m approved by the President on July 18.

The US has already provided about £7m of military supplies, including some 30 shoulder-carried anti-aircraft missiles, to Chad.

A State Department spokesman said the situation in northern Chad was "very fluid". He added: "Both the type and amount of additional assistance we might have to provide Chad for their defence will depend on how the situation develops."

The aid would provide the Government with "a reasonable chance to defend itself against Libyan escalation."

The announcement of additional assistance came a few hours after President Reagan said President Mobutu of Zaire agreed that it was in their interest and in the interest of stability in Africa not to see a Libyan aggression against an African state succeed.

The original £10m of military supplies had helped President Habré's forces to "turn the tide" in their battle against the rebels, American officials said.

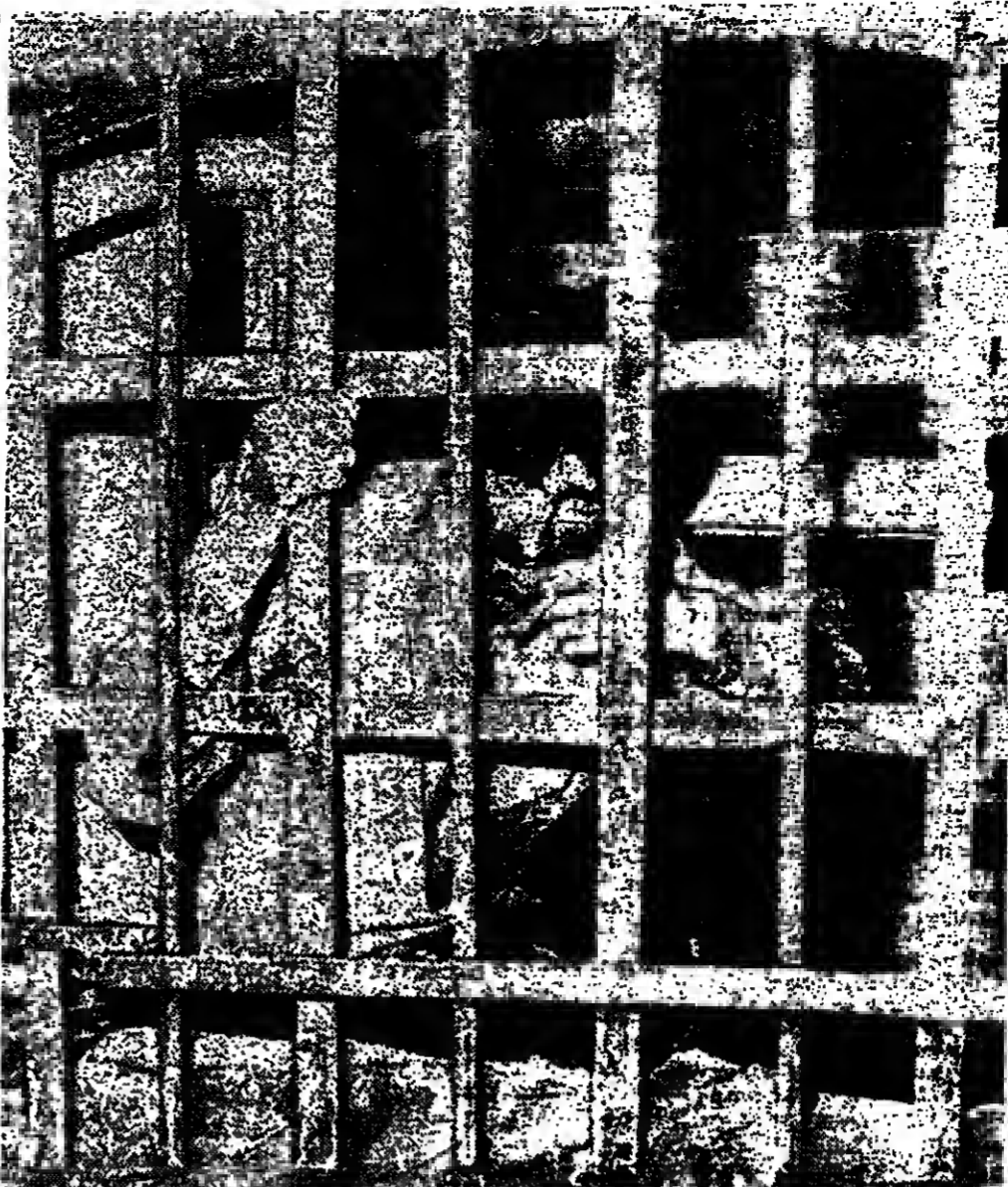
But the need for further assistance had been increased by the continued Libyan bombing of the northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau.

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Shepherd in rabies quarantine

A 38-year-old shepherd, Ismet Maglay, in a quarantine cell yesterday in the eastern Turkish town of Erzurum. He showed signs of rabies after being bitten by a dog three weeks ago.

In France, 26 children have been vaccinated after being in contact with a dog that died of rabies. The children all from Lille, had visited the dog's owner, a forester, while on holiday at a camp in Alsace.

Syrians deride McFarlane

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

When Mr Robert McFarlane, the latest of President Reagan's Middle East envoys, arrives in Damascus today, he will be greeted by President Assad's familiar rejection of any Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon while Israeli soldiers remain in the country.

As if to emphasize the bleak prospects which awaited him in Damascus, the Syrian press yesterday dubbed Mr McFarlane "The American High Commissioner to Beirut", an unflattering reference to US support for President Gemayel's government in Lebanon.

Over the past week, President Assad, his ministers and the state-controlled newspaper, have reiterated to the point of tedium the doctrine that whatever blandishments America might offer in return for a Syrian withdrawal, Syria feels unable to pull its soldiers out of Lebanon until the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement has been torn up.

Furthermore, to buttress this uncompromising - some would say cynical - posture, Syria has

reestablished its anti-aircraft missile defence system in Lebanon; positioning batteries on the Lebanese side of the Anti Lebanon mountain range and north of the city of Beirut.

The missiles, which include Sam 6 batteries of the kind destroyed by the Israeli Air Force last year, are locked by computer into Syria's overall air defence system, which means that longer-range Sam 5 rockets crewed by Russians in Syria can be used to fight off Israeli air attacks on Syrian missiles in the Bekaa Valley.

BEIRUT: Mr McFarlane yesterday urged all sides in Lebanon to "take risks" (Reuters reports).

Speaking after meeting Mr Chafiq Wazzan, the Lebanese Prime Minister, he said he was very encouraged by the Lebanese Government's determination to take risks in its own efforts to get foreign forces out of its territory.

"There has to be a willingness on the part of other countries - Israel, Syria and the Palestinian community - also to take risks".

He did not specify what he meant, but seemed to want the various parties to climb down.

WASHINGTON: The US is planning to sell Lebanon 68 M48-A5 tanks with spare parts and ammunition for \$64m (£42m), to help the Lebanese Army to maintain security (Mohsin Ali writes).

The Pentagon announced that 12 advisers would go to Lebanon for about six months to help to train Lebanese in the use of the tanks. An upgraded model of those used by the US in the Korean War.

JERUSALEM: The McFarlane approach has angered some senior members of the Begin Government, who claim that he should exert pressure on Syria, rather than expect more concessions from Israel (Christopher Walker writes).

After the envoy's talks in Jerusalem, Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, was the first to voice public Israeli criticism by stating that it was inconceivable that Mr McFarlane was asking Israel to soften its stand on troop withdrawal.

Argentine clergy invited to Britain

Vancouver (Reuters) - Churches in Argentina have been invited to send a delegation to Britain next March as part of an effort to build better relations between the two countries.

The invitation was issued at the end of an hour-long meeting between about 50 church leaders who are delegates at the World Council of Churches assembly here. (Reuters interview, page 10)

Student bank raid foiled

Stockholm - Eight students who came close to pulling off one of the largest bank robberies of the decade have been arrested in Norway (Christopher Mosey writes).

The planned raid was foiled when an Oslo sewer overflowed, making a rubber boat used by the gang to paddle through the sewers to a tunnel they had dug towards the Royal Bank of Norway. Police said more arrests were expected.

Passport change

Hongkong (AFP) - An endorsement on British dependent territory passports which made holders subject to immigration controls has been changed because of "strong feelings" here. The words: "Holder is subject to control under the Immigration Act 1971" have been dropped.

Cabinet resigns

La Paz (Reuters) - The entire cabinet of Bolivian President Hernan Siles Zuazo's left-wing government resigned yesterday after the resignations of five other ministers in recent weeks. The resignations have been accompanied by an upsurge in social unrest.

Skipper jailed

Kalmar, Sweden (AFP) - The skipper of a Polish pleasure boat was sentenced to two months in prison here for forcibly trying to prevent one of his crew from escaping to Sweden. He fired a flare-gun eight times into the water as his compatriot swam toward the Swedish coast.

100,000 victims

Dhaka (Reuters) - At least 100,000 people have been left homeless by heavy flooding in southern Bangladesh this week, officials said yesterday. The country's main rivers, the Ganges, Meghna and Brahmaputra, were all above danger level.

On one hand...

Santiago (Reuters) - President Pinochet has ordered an investigation of what legal provisions would be needed to allow democracy to be restored in Chile, but he reiterated that such laws would not take effect until 1989.

In disgrace



Herr Frank Schwalbe-Heth, the Greens Party member who threw a bottle of his own blood at an American general addressing Hesse state parliament on Thursday, a day after his protest for which West Germany has officially apologized.

Jail fast ends

Ankara (AFP) - Prisoners in Metris, the principal military jail in Istanbul, have ended a 28-day hunger strike. Fast continue in two other military prisons, but there may now be a halt to the entire protest, in which several hundred prisoners have taken part.

All at sea

Frederikshavn (AP) - A white whale which strayed into a Danish fjord in May swam back to the open sea yesterday - then got caught in a salmon net. Fisheries officials, who were disoriented, took it further out into the Kattegat.

Troops held

Kampala (Reuters) - Hundreds of armed off-duty soldiers have been arrested for loitering in Kampala. The arrest follow reports of robberies and murders by men in uniform.

Rail tragedy

Tokyo (AP) - A bullet train travelling at 125mph struck and killed a 10-year-old girl on Thursday night. It was the first fatal accident involving a bullet train.

Cheese champ

Camembert, France (AP) - Michel Beaufils gulped down eight Camemberts in 15 minutes yesterday breaking his own world record. The eight annual Camembert-eating contest attracted 5,000 people.

Africa's biggest democracy votes today

Lagos (Reuters) - Up to 65 million people in Nigeria, black Africa's biggest and wealthiest nation, vote today in a crucial test of its four-year-old democracy.

The authorities have imposed tight security, with police leave cancelled and the Army on alert. Over the last two days, as the six candidates took a break after several months of campaigning, police have been making shows of force to emphasize their readiness to act.

Wide publicity has been given to police plans to control voters and political and religious leaders have been pleading for calm. So far the appeals and the security operation, likely to be the biggest in Nigeria since the end of the civil war in 1970, seem to be working. No serious violence has been reported over the last few days.

The election is likely to be a close race between President Shehu Shagari of the National

Party and Chief Obafemi Awolowo of the Unity Party, who lost by a narrow margin in army-supervised polls in 1979, when the military handed over power to civilians.

President Shagari is generally expected to win again, but the intensity of the campaign and the fierce partisan spirit that has led to fears of violence reflect opposition optimism that the incumbent could be defeated in a fair election, something that would be a rare event in Africa.

Since January the candidates have been criss-crossing the country in an attempt to win the geographical spread of votes demanded of a winning candidate by a US type constitution, which is designed to ensure that none of the three dominant tribes can win power alone.

A winner has not only to take a majority of votes but also to gain 25 per cent in 13 of the country's 19 states, a constitutional provision that gives the 250 minor tribes - some of them millions strong - a big say

in who wins power at the centre. Accusations of ballot-rigging have abounded and if trouble were to break out today the flashpoints are expected to be disputes over the accuracy of electoral registers.

Most parties expressed disbelief last week when the Federal Electoral Commission announced an electorate of 65.3 million, a 34 per cent increase over 1979.

Newspapers have been carrying reports of "ghost" voters and peaceful voting now appears to depend largely on how well the commission's plans work to prevent multiple voting.

Newspapers of most shades of opinion yesterday made last-minute appeals for peaceful elections, with the independent National Concord saying: "We have got to that stumbling block where democracy has come to grief in all countries of the Third World, with the possible exception of India. We must disappoint the pessimists."

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Iran claims capture of key mountain

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday it had captured a mountain in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, where battles have raged since Iranian troops launched an offensive on July 23.

Iran's president, Ali Khamenei, announced the capture of the 8,000ft Kordman mountain during a sermon to thousands

of worshippers at a weekly prayer ceremony in Tehran.

The peak, said to be 12 miles inside Iraq and overlooking the garrison town of Haj Omran, was said by Iraq to have been recaptured by Haj Omran on July 29.

But foreign correspondents who visited the area later found Iran still in control of a swathe

Greeks free British ship

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The 334-ton British cargo ship Ivy B, detained in Piraeus for more than five weeks for failing to obtain advance clearance for an arms consignment in her cargo, was allowed to sail last night.

The Greek authorities became suspicious when the ship's Irish master told them that he was carrying 250 tons of Turkish cement bound for

Calcutta and 54 cases of small arms and explosives from Turkey for delivery to a post office box address in Lagos.

After assurances were received from the Turkish authorities that this was a legitimate transaction, the ship and her crew of three Britons and two Asians sailed last night for Calcutta with Port Said as her first port of call.

Iraq hopes poll will relax Kurds

From John Witherow, Dohuk, near the Iraqi-Turkish border

High in the serrated peaks of Kurdistan, thousands of Kurds voted yesterday in regional elections aimed at defusing the fervent nationalism that has troubled the central government in Baghdad for so long.

Although the legislative council in the regional capital of Erbil has limited powers, the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein hopes the elections will reduce support for some militant guerrilla bands now siding with the Iranians in the three-year-old Gulf War.

A local official said fighting was still continuing in the rugged Zagros mountains in the north-east as Iraqi forces drove back an incursion by Iranian troops said to be aided by dissident Iraqi Kurds.

The Iraqis claim that the region is quiet, and that guerrilla activity is limited to a few "traitors". But informed sources said that some government troops had to retreat at night to their barracks and that the guerrillas, believed to number several thousand, could move at will attacking convoys and bases in most parts.

In Dohuk, where I flew in a Russian-built helicopter over arid abrasive foothills, there was certainly evidence of large numbers of troops armed with Kalashnikovs stationed by the roadside and at polling booths.

But despite their activities, support for the guerrillas is said to be limited to much less than half of the two million Kurdish population, and the groups are torn by internal divisions preventing a united front.

America trebles Somalia war games forces

From Our Correspondent, Washington

About 2,800 American servicemen will take part in joint military training exercises with Somalia starting later this month, the Pentagon announced here. This is about three times as many as in last year's manoeuvres.

The Somalia exercise is one of several in which US forces are taking part this month in East Africa and South-west Asia.

Advance ground parties and some aircraft, including two airborne warning and control systems (AWACS) planes, have already arrived in the region to prepare for the exercises with Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and possibly Oman.

The Somalia exercise is code-named "Eastern Wind 1983". It will include a marine amphibious landing near Berbera and training operations by the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson.

About 5,500 US troops will also take part in an Egyptian exercise, code-named "Bright Star", and about 850 in the Sudan exercise called "Natural Bond".

Money and guile lure the Tamil Tigers

No British journalist had been allowed into the northern Sri Lankan town of Jaffna, where the population is almost wholly Tamil, since the start of the Sinhalese vengeance against the Tamils for a terrorist attack on a military patrol in the town. MICHAEL MAMLYN travelled there in a military helicopter and toured the town in an Army Jeep. This is his report.

Colonel Mike Silva, Sandhurst-trained, erect, spare, elegant in jungle green, rubbed his fingers and thumb together. "The Jaffna man thinks more of his coffers than the Sinhalese does," he said. "By tradition he has always been like that."

The colonel is at present in charge of military operations against the Tamil terrorists, the Tigers, in this northern town. The success of those operations has come largely from the use of valuable intelligence information, and in a number of cases that information has been paid for.

"We paid 100,000 rupees (£3,000) for information leading to one arrest," he said.



Other information comes to the armed forces because of political friction among the terrorist groups. Although by Army estimates there are only about 200 Tiger terrorists in the north and within that number there is a hard core of only 25 or so, they are divided into three or four separate organizations, each rivaling the other for power, influence and guns.

According to the colonel's intelligence officer, Major Sarah Manasinghe, the

Army hunts Sri Lankan terrorists

People's Liberation Army of Tamil Eelam has been broken up by the capture of its leaders, but the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have taken over the active role in its place. The Tamil Eelam Liberation Organisation is another of the rival factions.

Eelam is the historic name of the Tamil area in the north of Sri Lanka. Independence for the Tamils is the aim the Tigers are pursuing, although talk of separatism is sufficient to rouse to fury the majority Sinhalese, who outnumber the Tamils 7-2 throughout the island.

Since the evacuation of Sinhalese over the past few days the population of Jaffna has become virtually exclusively Tamil. The Sinhalese left, fearing reprisals for what had been inflicted on the Tamil population in the rest of the island.

That terrifying slaughter and destruction in Colombo and other towns and villages south of Jaffna began as a crazed reaction to a bloody successful operation by the Tigers, who blew up a Jeep-load of

soldiers, and killed an officer and 12 men in the Jeep and the accompanying lorry.

It was the biggest success for the Tigers and has been the most dearly paid for since they began operations in 1975 with the murder of the Mayor of Jaffna. Since then they have burned buses, shot soldiers and stolen rifles, shotguns and explosives in a gradually increasing frenzy. Thirty-one policemen have died at the hands of the Tigers, so have 20 servicemen, including the 13 who died last weekend and 28 civilians. Last month alone there were 21 incidents of terrorist violence.

On patrol with a squad of soldiers, it is easy enough to sense the hostility of the local inhabitants to what they must see as an occupying force. Brandishing loaded sub-machine guns, the troops have been targets for stone-throwing in crowded streets. While we were on the road the men found the Jeep. Lieutenant V Weikkala, the officer in command, said: "They leave them about to reduce our morale."

The soldiers are of course accused of brutality and violence. Colonel Silva shakes his head wearily at the accusation.

The colonel has a reply to those who accuse his soldiers of sexual offences against the local population.

"It is not in the Sinhalese nature," he says. "There have only been six offences against women on the whole island. A young girl can come out at 11 at night and walk through the worst part of town and she won't be touched. Except to be robbed, of course, if she is foolish enough to carry money with her."

The soldiers are isolated from the local population. They do not speak the local language. Though the intelligence major is learning Tamil, the bulk of the conversation between civilians and soldiers has to be in English, which often neither party is adept at.

This is one reason why the terrorists can disappear into the local background, and also why it has been so hard for local politicians to disown the gunmen.

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Radio Skin deep

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Television/Weekend choice Pleasure principle

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North Koreans killed as Seoul sinks 'spy ship'

Seoul (Reuters) - South Korea's military forces sank what they said was an armed North Korean spy ship yesterday off the south-east coast...

A South Korean Navy vessel was damaged in a battle with the ship but there were no casualties on the southern side...

The alleged spy boat was spotted three miles off the south-eastern coast of Wolsong, where a nuclear power plant was operating...

The troops also seized a rubber landing boat, frogman's suit, a radio transmitter, machine-gun ammunition...

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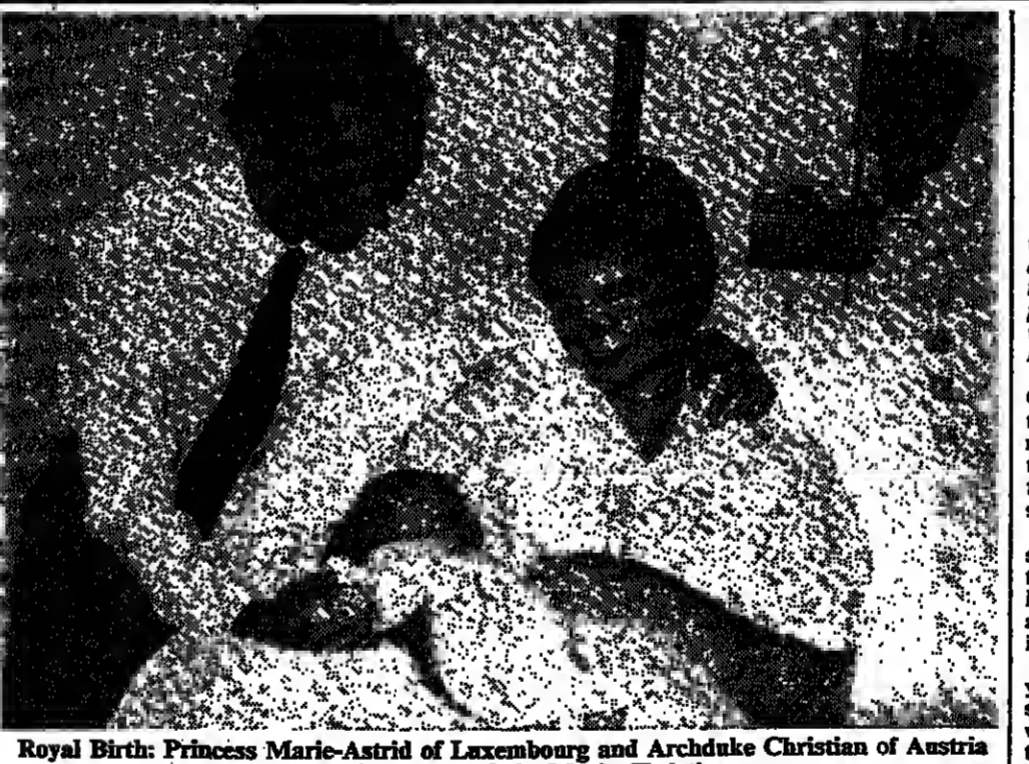
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Royal Birth: Princess Marie-Astrid of Luxembourg and Archduke Christian of Austria with their new-born baby Marie-Christine.

Planes of 1942 found buried under ice

After an arduous two-month expedition into Greenland's inland ice, a 12-man American team of scientists and aviation experts announced yesterday that they had located eight Second World War US military aircraft buried under 75ft of ice.

The aircraft, which had been there since 1942, were found some 100 miles west of Angmagssalik, on the east coast. According to military sources here, the two B-17 bombers and six P-38 twin-engine fighters, made an emergency landing in July 1942, after running out of petrol while flying from America to Europe.

The American expedition, known as the Winston Recovery Team and led by Mr Russell Zayani, a civilian pilot and specialist in salvaging historical aircraft, is being financed by an American company at a cost of 7m Danish kroner (£490,000) with the permission of the Danish military authorities.

The aircraft, which were found by means of advanced radar technology, eventually will be put on exhibition in the United States and Denmark.

Craxi wastes no time forming inner Cabinet

From John Earle, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi, Italy's new Prime Minister, set up a nine-man inner Cabinet at the first meeting of the 30 coalition ministers yesterday...

Signor Emilio Colombo, the Christian Democrat Foreign Minister for the last three years, has voiced in interviews with Italian newspapers his disappointment at being dropped in favour of his party colleague Signor Andreotti.

All five coalition partners are represented. Besides Signor Craxi, it consists of Signor Arnaldo Forlani, deputy Prime Minister (C Dem), Signor Giulio Andreotti, Foreign Affairs (C Dem), Signor Oscar Scalfaro, Internal Affairs (C Dem), Senator Giovanni Spadolini, Defence (Rep), Signor Giovanni Goria, Treasury (C Dem), Signor Pietro Longo, Budget (Soc Dem), Signor Renato Altissimo, Industry (Lib), and Signor Gianni de Michelis, Labour (Soc).

Signor Craxi will read his programme to each House of Parliament on Tuesday, at the start of debates expected to conclude with formal votes of approval by the end of the week.

Hopes on Cyprus grow

From Mario Modiano, Athens

President Kyriacou of Cyprus and Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, announced in Athens yesterday that their governments had achieved a perfect coordination and joint strategy on Cyprus.

Mr Papandreu said: "There is a distinct change in the climate in Western Europe and this, combined with the fact that we have the presidency of the EEC, means that most probably the community will adopt a clear-cut policy on the Cyprus issue."

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Europe's wine prospects Part 3 Germans expect best vintage since 1976

Despite the vagaries of the weather, German wine-growers are guardedly optimistic about this year's harvest.

The quality of this year's German wines is expected to be the highest since the memorable 1976 vintage. But predictions that it will be the wine of the century are received with scepticism.

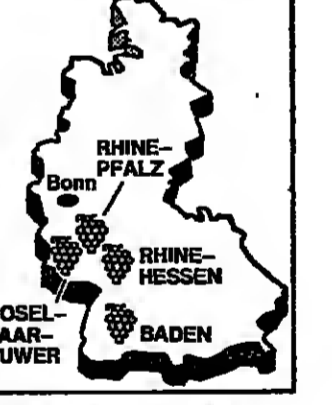
As one grower put it: "No sooner do we have a beatwave than people start making that kind of forecast. We can reach a true judgment only when wine is in the cellar."

One thing is certain - this year's yield will be much smaller than that of 1982. The wine made is pleased about this, because last year a wet summer caused the market to be swamped by wine, much of it of inferior quality.

Since the wine regions of Germany are much closer together than those of France they are not subject to wide climatic differences, and therefore the optimistic forecasts hold good for all German wines.

Rhine-Pfalz: Produces a quarter of total German output. The crop is well advanced, and the hot weather has made up for a two or three-week delay in the appearances of the blossom caused by a relatively cool spring. Production is expected to be down by as much as 40 per cent on 1982, a record year for quantity.

Mosel-Saar-Ruwer: Much better quality than 1982, but not expected to be quite up to the 1976 standard. "In 1976 we had sunshine right up to harvest time," a spokesman of the Growers Association said in Treier. "We cannot count on this year and if we get hailstorms our calculations could go wrong."



Rhine-Hessen: Vines look very good everywhere and especially so in the terraced vineyards on the Rhine front. Some exceptionally good Nierstein and Oppenheim can be expected, much of it earmarked for Britain. But it will not be the wine of the century.

Rheingau: Prospects are good, but specialists remain extremely cautious about making extravagant predictions. "It's too early to crow about things even when the wine is in the cellar," said a grower. "You should really wait until it's in the glass." The quantity will be about 30 per cent down on last year. The Rheingau is famous for its Riesling, and the area produces about three per cent of Germany's total wine output.

Baden: The vines look promising, both as to quality and quantity, although after the heatwave they could do with a little moisture. "It's too early to make a firm prognosis," a spokesman said. "We don't normally start the harvest until September 20, and a prolonged wet period could put paid to our hopes. I don't think we are going to achieve the 1976 standard."

Monday: Spain

Peking pleases Hayden on Hongkong

Peking (AFP) - Mr Bill Hayden, the visiting Australian Foreign Minister, emerged from talks here with his Chinese counterpart, Mr Wu Xueqian, "very encouraged" by Peking's stand on Hongkong.

A spokesman for Mr Hayden refused to disclose details of Mr Wu's comments, saying the two men had agreed to keep the content confidential.

He said Mr Wu had reaffirmed that China's relations with the United States, soured by disagreements over Taiwan, were improving, but that no significant progress had been made with the Soviet Union.

Efforts to save Venice founder over tenders

Efforts to protect Venice and its lagoon from the floods which submerged Saint Mark's Square and the city centre every winter are back at their starting point.

The Corte dei Conti, a kind of public auditor's office, has ruled that a 11.8 billion lire (£5m) contract awarded to the Nuova Venezia consortium for feasibility studies and preliminary work is null.

It said the contract should have been put out to tender, instead of being assigned privately to the consortium.

Etna stops erupting after 129 days

Catania, Sicily (Reuters) - Mt Etna has stopped erupting after 129 days of activity during which a spectacular attempt was made to divert lava with explosives. Since the eruption started, 150 million cubic yards of lava and ash poured out to cover 4.5 square miles area.

In May, explosives were used to divert lava from built-up areas after some isolated buildings had been destroyed.

The consortium was to have implemented a project, drawn up by a government commission, for a system of partly fixed and partly mobile barriers built at the three entrances.

Policeman shot dead in Basque attack

San Sebastian (Reuters) - Suspected Basque terrorists shot dead a policeman and wounded three people in a machine-gun attack near this Basque port early yesterday.

The gunmen abandoned their car and weapons after they crashed outside the town of Oyarzun, where the shooting took place.

Police found one bomb near military headquarters on the fashionable Ramblas Parade in Barcelona and a second was discovered in a military club.

ETA said earlier this week that it had planted six bombs in Barcelona to protest against the coming trial there of eight Basques accused of an attack on a barracks on the Pyrenean town of Berga in November, 1980.

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Video nasties?

No self-respecting power struggle these days is complete without its tapes. In the Labour leadership elections, it is claimed, the "Sheffield tapes" represent "better value than Superman III".

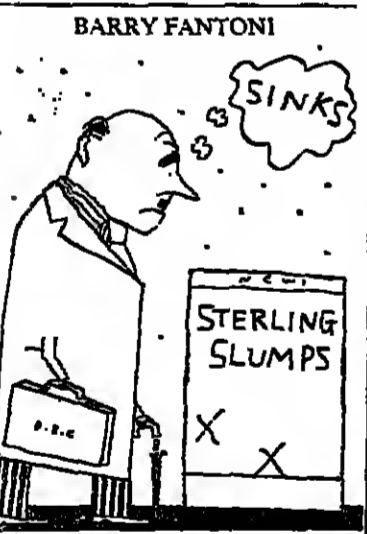
Too covered up

Norman Tebbit has been trying to go unrecognized in the West Country. Deciding on an impromptu stay with his wife at a quiet hotel on the fringe of Dartmoor, Tebbit took careful precautions to conceal his identity.

My PHISILLY Season Sausage competition has got off to a predictably slithering start. Colonel Jimmy Capadose says that the sausage pun, with which I indicated that standards of editorial decency must be observed, was in the worst possible taste and may have dealt a mortadella blow to the whole jugsbaw affair.

What a gas!

Something has got up the nose of the British Soft Drinks Council, and I am afraid it's the burb bubble of its own pride. The council complained in the Code of Advertising Practice Committee against a Scottish Dairy Council advertisement headlined: "Are your children learning chemistry at school? Or having it for lunch?"



Nouvelle vague

Our Findings column, reporting on research in Japan this week, proved to me once again that there is nothing new under the Japanese sun. "Another novel approach" being adopted by the Japanese in their pursuit of alternative energy sources.

Readers continue to enjoy exciting eating. In Jerusalem Norman Lebrecht contrasted Fish on Fire, a dramatic dish possibly only to be distinguished with Fish Foam, which Francois Shipsey found at the Comedie restaurant in Angers.

Reagan's backyard blunder

by John B. Oakes

New York Unless he is stopped by Congress - and only Congress and the force of public opinion can stop him - Ronald Reagan could plunge this country into the most unwanted, unconscionable, unnecessary and unwinnable war in its history, not excepting Vietnam.

Reagan sees the trouble in Central America as coming from outside the area, as revolution exported from the Soviet Union and Cuba. His response is to dispatch huge naval and air armadas to the waters off the Nicaraguan coasts and thousands of American troops to the ranchlands and jungles of neighbouring Honduras.

If the revolutionaries in Nicaragua and the guerrillas in El Salvador whom they support do not capitulate before this display of American might - as they almost certainly will not - Reagan will have left himself little choice between reversing his Central America policy and moving in with American guns, planes and men.

Since the premises of Reagan's policy are wrong, his actions stemming from that policy are wrong. Latin America's revolutions, including those of Mexico, Cuba, El Salvador and Nicaragua, are home-grown, not exported from anywhere else.

The undoubted communist influence on these revolutions - always strong and always inevitable - cannot be nullified by external military force, as even Reagan should have learned from the Bay of Pigs and the events that followed.

These revolutions and revolutionaries can be a threat to our security (a minor one at that) only if we force them completely into the Soviet corner and isolate them there. The Russians, their agents and their disciples cannot do as much harm to the long-term interests of the United States as

we are doing to ourselves by imitating them in trying to impose our style of democracy on people who may be totally unready or unsuited for it.

Because of the brutal purge of Central American experts as soon as he took office, Reagan had no one around to tell him that the Sandinista arms build-up in Nicaragua might just possibly not have been impelled by the desire to conquer all the rest of Central America for Castro and Marx.

He is remilitarizing this pathetically poor and helpless country just as it is emerging from years of military rule. He is undermining its fragile democracy and indirectly inciting open warfare between Honduras and its neighbours. He is using Honduras not only as a springboard for forces opposed to the Nicaraguan regime but also as a training ground - on the cheap - for Salvadoran government troops.

Perhaps no one in the Reagan entourage knew that the last Central American war - a brief but savage one just a few years ago - was between El Salvador and Honduras. Historically, the two countries have had an unfriendly relationship.

The record in Guatemala is no better. Guerrilla warfare has been smouldering

there for at least 20 years. Even less than El Salvador, less than Nicaragua, did Guatemala need Castro or Marx or communist propaganda to pit rich against poor, oligarchy against peasantry, army against guerrillas. While gross national product has gone up, the living standard of 80 per cent of the population has gone down as large-scale agriculture has pushed the Indian peasants into ever less fertile and ever less productive areas in which to grow their own scanty food.

Guatemala's born-again president, who was catapulted into power after a post-election coup last year, may be somewhat less bloodthirsty than his infamous predecessors, but they at least did not have the temerity to claim, as he does, that they were in direct personal contact with the Almighty. Because President Efraim Rios Montt talks God and not Marx, the Reagan administration can think of nothing better to do with American power and money than to resume the military support that was cut off several years ago because of Guatemala's abominable human rights record.

The growing military involvement of the United States in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala - as well as in El Salvador - may stimulate Reagan's ego and self-image as standing up to communism, but it is painfully clear that it does nothing to enhance our national security or the welfare of the people of Central America.

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Plotting to save the good old British vegetable

Patricia Clough reports growing unrest over EEC policy

If you have taken over an old kitchen garden or allotment, think twice before pulling up those odd, brown-leaved lettuces or those curious beans with pods pointing upwards.

When tidying the garden shed, pause before throwing away any old faded seed packets. You may be destroying the last examples of some ancient British vegetable, condemning it to oblivion for ever.

This fate is threatening many old vegetables, grown for centuries in Britain's gardens and fields. The seeds handed down through generations, passed on to neighbours or bought in local markets. Many were restricted to small areas where they grew well, sometimes to one village or even only one plot.

Now they face extinction, the victims of standardization measures throughout the EEC which in Britain, can mean fines of up to £1,000 for anyone who sells their seeds.

It may already be too late for the Durham miners' leek, which helped to keep its growers going through the grim days of the depression. Mr Philip Swindells, garden superintendent at the Northern Horticultural Society's headquarters at Harlow Car, near Harrogate, is looking for survivors but fears it has died out.

There is the Martock bean, cultivated since Cistercian monks started vegetable breeding in Britain in the 12th century, which survives in the Somerset village of Martock. Even older is the Ragged Jack, a course, pinkish variety of kale believed to have been brought to Britain by the Romans.

The old bean and pea varieties which dried well and provided Britons with a valuable source of protein for winter are vanishing, leaving the field to the kind that freeze well. Such is the Carlin pea, bred since Elizabethan times and common until the Second World War, and the soldier bean, so called because of a brown soldier-like figure on the white husk. Both are now rare.

"If varieties like this go we are losing a unique genetic resource," Mr Swindells says. "Once it has gone you can't breed it back again."

It is not really the EEC's fault. Like several other countries, Britain had been sorting out its seed regulations in the 1960s, but after it joined the EEC these were tightened up still further to suit Community regulations. More than 1,000 names were dropped and others are being

weeded out as time passes. There is now an official EEC list of permitted varieties, which is an amalgam of the ten official national lists.

The point of the lists was to create order among much confusion. Some varieties were called by different names in different parts of EEC countries. Conversely, the same names were being applied to several varieties that were in fact quite different. Government officials maintain that they simply threw out names, and that gardeners looking for a certain variety would find it under another name. But critics maintain that many actual varieties were dropped in the process.

One uncalculated side effect of the lists was to encourage the popular, commercially profitable, market-gardening varieties at the expense of the small, old-fashioned or local varieties planted by the amateur gardener. Any seedsmen who want to register a new variety has to pay about £600 for testing and another £80 a year for registration, which he can afford only if he is sure it will sell well - that is, at least 5,000 packets. Anyone can register an old variety, but they must be prepared to produce it on a suitable scale, and they do not get royalties.

As a result, the old-fashioned, space-saving amateur gardeners' pea, which grows to around five or six feet, is giving way to shorter, bushier versions more easily harvested by the commercial market gardener. Brussels sprouts plants which keep the housewife supplied over several weeks are disappearing in favour of those which produce sprouts all at once for mechanical cutting.

Varities on the lists must be "distinct" and "stable", which suits the modern, high-yield, F1 hybrid varieties which come up virtually identical, but not the primitive old-fashioned vegetables whose offspring are as different as the children in any family. The old-fashioned grower has smaller yields, but he could be reasonably sure that at least some would survive disease, a hard frost or drought. They might be less attractive, smaller and tougher than modern types but, their growers swear, they taste so much better.

However, in the vegetables' moment of peril, there are defenders to the rescue. First among these is Lawrence D. Hills, director of the Henry Doubleday Research Association at Bocking, near Braintree in

Essex. He has founded a seed library from which members can borrow unlisted seeds, replacing them when the plants reproduce their own. Members can become "seed guardians", raising and caring for threatened varieties.

Mr Hills is collecting seeds from Spain and Portugal in preparation for those countries' entry into the EEC, foreseeing that their richness of varieties will dwindle in the same way as Britain's. He is looking for a Greek correspondent who will obtain seeds of vegetables cultivated for centuries by the monks at Mount Athos monastery.

Thanks partly to his efforts, a gene bank has been set up with funds from Oxfam at the National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne, near Stratford-on-Avon. In the two and a half years since it was founded, it has collected 4,700 different kinds of seeds - the target is 20,000 - which are preserved at minus 25 degrees C.

Like Mr Hills, the research station encourages gardeners to send in seeds of little-known varieties or any old seed packets they may find. The bank can preserve a variety for centuries - if it gets the seeds in time. "If they do not come to us many are likely to die out", a spokesman said.

The gene bank is part of a worldwide network which is growing up amid growing concern at the loss of genetic diversity. The seeds preserved may hold qualities such as disease resistance, hardness or nutritional values which may be valuable for future generations.

Mr Derek Enright, Member of the European Parliament for Leeds, has extracted from Mr Paul Dalsager, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner, an assurance that the EEC will treat the problems of the small gardener sympathetically. Some of his constituents are worried about the future of the Leeds lettuce, a small local variety.

Many old vegetables can be seen, and sometimes even tasted, at five vegetable sanctuaries. One is at Mr Hills' establishment near Braintree, another at Harlow Car. The others are at Quarry Bank Mill, Snyal, near Wilmslow, Cheshire, which grows no plant developed later than 1900, Dean's Court, Wimborne, Dorset, which has an old walled kitchen garden, and in the collection of historic vegetables, including the Martock bean, at the Bishop's Palace, Wells, Somerset.

Panda to everyone's taste

The giant panda, when you consider it carefully, is really a useless creature with little more than its stylized teddy-bear features to commend it. Even the most passionate conservationists recognize that the millions of pounds squandered annually on attempts to increase its numbers could be far more profitably spent on other species, some of which, if not so vacuously cuddlesome, are at least edible or intelligent.

In public relations terms, however, the bear is nothing if not big business. Apart possibly from David Bellamy, it is all that millions of people know about conservation - and all they need to know. Its stylized teddy-bear features are ubiquitous as the emblem of the World Wildlife Fund; it is one of China's most sought-after exports, and its potency as a fund-raiser and focus of zoological research ultimately demolishes the arguments of those who would dismiss it as an evolutionary dead end.

Apart from its notorious sexual and thus procreative inefficiency, the giant panda's general unfitness for survival is programmed into the ludicrously specialized habitat it requires. It feeds, for example, primarily on a few species of bamboo.

Those species, in an uncanny parallelism to the animal they support, have, over millennia, evolved a complicated and slow

reproductive method: they flower on average every 80 years and then die off for several years before regenerating. The result is famine. One such famine, in the 1970s, killed 138 pandas, more than one tenth of the estimated panda population in China.

Such famines are localized - not all species of bamboo burst into flower at once all over China - and in the past have been easily overcome by the pandas themselves. It was simply a matter of shifting their lazy butts to the nearest hillside. In a fairly small reserve

area, however, there can be no escape.

Warnings of impending famine at the important Wolong reserve in Sichuan province have been circulating for the past few years; now, according to the World Wildlife Fund, flowering has begun. About 200 pandas in the 124 square mile reserve are at risk, and flowering has also begun in Boaxing County, near by, which supports a further hundred. WWF, understandably, is moving quickly to protect its investment.

A search has begun in the area for



Panda propaganda: cuddlesome image

Tony Samstag



Panda propaganda: cuddlesome image

Spike Milligan

Save trees — don't waste paper (Ed.)

My name is being defiled, I tell you. The popular press has printed that I have been put on the "Black" list for appearing in South Africa. Fools! Most people in South Africa are black! What got me laughing was reading the American showbiz bulletin Variety, Shirley Bassey on Black List.

So what is the crime me Lord? That you Spike Milligan did, with malice a fore thought, etc etc, journey to the Cape, and did willingly make white people laugh. Laughing in white! Nay your Honour! Let the truth be told through the ancient pages of The Times. This is how it goes.

In 1974 during the building boom, my meagre semi-detached was suddenly very important in that they were pulling the street down to build high rise flats (the population of England is falling, ha ha ha), so a developer offers me hundreds of thousands of pounds or he will exchange my semi-det. 2 up, kit, bt, gdn, for a Mansion in Hertfordshire, so we did a straight swap, but the mansion, once in planning stage, (see diagram A) was now all subdivided (see diagram B). It was now a piece of land & a postage stamp, behind me was a sign, building plot for sale, dead centre was a beautiful Weeping Ash, and on the border a Superb Copper Beech. Milligan thinks! those trees should have a preservation order on, so I contacts those balls of fire the Barnet Borough Council, & lo, they speak and say Yes the Copper Beech has a Preservation Order, but, ha ha, not the tree in the middle of the plot (the Ash). . . second letter. "Why is the Weeping Ash, which is rarer than the Beech unprotected? They answer, (wait for it), because of its condition. Gadzooks! is it pregnant?"

I call unto me those fellows Men o' the Trees, who inspect the Ash with the sort of loving care a Dutch Jeweller would handle the Hope Diamond, they talk of the tree as "her". "She's orrrite, fact is she's n beauty, nought wrong with her." I pass their observations to the Barnet Borough Council, but they, like the sons of fun they are, insist that their expert is more expert than the Men o' the Trees. So, I'm faced with the task of saving the trees, how much is the land? The Vendor, friend of mine says, Spike it's £50,000 but in cash £15,000, we settle for £12,000, but I haven't a penny, but ha ha, here come de judgment day.

A South African Entrepreneur has been making me offers to go to the Vile Fascist Country, so Fascist that it has a Jewish community nearly as big as England's (quick! pen and paper, write, Dear Sir, How dare Spike Milligan say, etc, etc, etc). The offer to appear is exactly £12,000, so I went there, making sure that my contract stated that I appear for "multi racial audiences". I made sure that I always took the coloured stage staff to a restaurant after the show, (as food tasters, of course), they were a bit amazed

telling me it was a "whites only", but no one objected, only the blacks who said "What are all dese whites doing in heab?": no one seemed to care.

I went and did a show for the Asian community, did a couple of gigs for coloured schools, went to Soweto on Sharpeville Remembrance Sunday (I had to get a permit), I was the only white person in the Church, the Vicar asked me, "are you from de Polack". . . the crux of it all was with the £12,000 I bought the building land, so with Fascist money I saved my trees from destruction by English bureaucracy, so, when these jokers who can't wait to put the finger "Racist!" on you, they might at least investigate the circumstances.

No one from English or American Equity has ever written to me asking why South Africa, I could give them some very good ones, like I can get work there, but not here, like I think I'm a good actor, a funny man, and a clown to boot, yet in my 36 years in show business, I've very rarely been offered any stage work. This is not a cry of pily, just a statement of facts.

For the Guinness Book of Records, I must be one of the rare people who've never been offered a Summer Season, or a Pantomime, so its no good these jokers pointing the finger of racism at little old Spike Milligan; how about Nat West - they're appearing there every week, a lot of Equity actors bank with them, Howzat? Out?

Julie Davidson

Warning: holidays can damage your health

And then, of course, there's the holiday you need to prepare for your holiday. Or the time off you ought to take to organize your time off to get your pre-travel rest ("at least two good nights' sleep to alleviate the effects of nervous tension and travel fatigue"), collect your DHSS Form E111 (for free or curative medical treatment in an EEC emergency) and ransack the local pharmacy.

Sterile wound dressings? A must. Magnesium sulphate paste, an essential aid to the extraction of sea urchin spines. You may think you are going to the seaside, albeit the foreign seaside, but recent information suggests you are going to war.

Typical, rabies, unwholesome water seal-off ("a notorious hazard") and Fortingale men-of-war begin at Calais, according to a helpful booklet I've been reading called Have A Good Trip! In every other Eden beyond this sceptred Isle there is a serpent, and sometimes two: "Use a walking stick in snake-infested areas - they might attack the stick rather than you - and carry a torch at night".

There is an old, laborious schoolboy joke about "enjoying the trip" which is sometimes produced when someone falls over. Micropharm Ltd, the publishers of Have A Good Trip! seem to have borrowed from its humour, planning instructional banana skins along the routes of all our holiday ambitions. Although representing private enterprise, the inexpensive booklet (50p, passport-size) is regarded as a contribution from the Health Education Council and has their endorsement.

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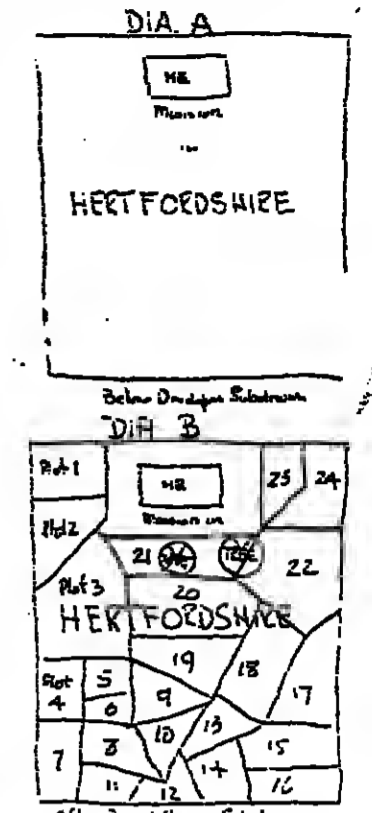


Diagram A and B showing property plots and subdivisions.

telling me it was a "whites only", but no one objected, only the blacks who said "What are all dese whites doing in heab?": no one seemed to care.

I went and did a show for the Asian community, did a couple of gigs for coloured schools, went to Soweto on Sharpeville Remembrance Sunday (I had to get a permit), I was the only white person in the Church, the Vicar asked me, "are you from de Polack". . . the crux of it all was with the £12,000 I bought the building land, so with Fascist money I saved my trees from destruction by English bureaucracy, so, when these jokers who can't wait to put the finger "Racist!" on you, they might at least investigate the circumstances.

No one from English or American Equity has ever written to me asking why South Africa, I could give them some very good ones, like I can get work there, but not here, like I think I'm a good actor, a funny man, and a clown to boot, yet in my 36 years in show business, I've very rarely been offered any stage work. This is not a cry of pily, just a statement of facts.

For the Guinness Book of Records, I must be one of the rare people who've never been offered a Summer Season, or a Pantomime, so its no good these jokers pointing the finger of racism at little old Spike Milligan; how about Nat West - they're appearing there every week, a lot of Equity actors bank with them, Howzat? Out?

Julie Davidson

Warning: holidays can damage your health

And then, of course, there's the holiday you need to prepare for your holiday. Or the time off you ought to take to organize your time off to get your pre-travel rest ("at least two good nights' sleep to alleviate the effects of nervous tension and travel fatigue"), collect your DHSS Form E111 (for free or curative medical treatment in an EEC emergency) and ransack the local pharmacy.

Sterile wound dressings? A must. Magnesium sulphate paste, an essential aid to the extraction of sea urchin spines. You may think you are going to the seaside, albeit the foreign seaside, but recent information suggests you are going to war.

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THE MORTGAGE MAGNET

Home ownership has long been high among British priorities. In this sphere, at least, the individual ambitions of millions of voters have been fully reflected in public policy. The years since 1979 have seen a plethora of new measures and decisions aimed at promoting owner-occupation and aiding house buyers.

It is doubtful if so strong, common and laudable a domestic ambition needs so many artificial stimulants in order to flourish; especially those that cause dubious distortions in the housing and financial markets.

Popular as such measures undoubtedly are, their success draws yet more of the country's savings into the housing market at the expense of productive business. Informed estimates suggest that an extra £15 billion will flood into new house mortgages this year, more than the increase in bank credit to the rest of the economy, even at a time of business recovery.

Of more immediate concern, the current housing boom, and the building societies' determination to minimize rationing by queue, threaten to keep the money supply well above target, to encourage the sort of financial instability that undermined recovery prior to the oil crisis in 1973, and to heighten the likelihood of higher interest rates for the economy as a whole.

After two slack years, the housing market suddenly took off earlier this year. House prices were, on some estimates, rising at an annual rate of about 13 per cent, drawing in more would-be buyers anxious not to miss out. The building societies drew on their reserves to meet demand but, given strong competition in

the savings market, could not avoid queues forming. The recent 1 1/2 per cent rise in their borrowing rates seems to have stabilized matters, helping both to slow the rise in prices and to double the monthly inflow of funds. But this has only been achieved at a price.

Building society deposits are included in wider measures of the money supply and these were leading the general breaking of monetary targets before the effects of the latest increase in deposits. These wider money measures must take on ever greater significance as it becomes clear that many wealthier borrowers, egged on by private financial advisers, are abusing mortgage tax relief to borrow more than they need on changing houses to pay incidental bills, spend in the shops, or invest in other financial assets.

More directly, the extra deposits must come from somewhere. In this case, the building societies are competing heavily with banks and the Government for savings. Competition with banks has now gone beyond the high street into the money markets, where the societies hope to raise £4 billion in certificates of deposit, a market of only £11 billion, hitherto dominated by the banks. There is plenty of money in wholesale markets at this time of year, but, come the autumn, competition is bound to increase bank costs, adding pressure to raise interest rates at a time when industry is anxious to avoid any such jolt.

This is no criticism of the building societies. They are doing their job within the rules set by public policy. Their role has been increased by the transfer of council house finance to the private sector. And their task has been made harder by the erratic behaviour of banks, which lean in to seize more than a third of the mortgage market on easy terms last year, then drew back, leaving the building societies struggling to fill the gap and live with the effects of last year's competition on lending terms.

The effects remain. The early stages of recovery are normally money-intensive and frequently, at his former trade of painting. One of his two principal masterpieces is "Contradiction, Oberon and Titania", which was sold in March for £550,000, twice what any Victorian painting has ever fetched at auction before.

The anonymous buyer is foreign, and the Government has refused an export licence. This gives British interests until November to match the bid and keep the picture in a public collection here. But the freakishly high price has made galleries slow to come forward to raise the money, and in the current economic climate, with so many other calls on their resources, they can scarcely be blamed.

In our recent correspondence about the painting, one reader complained not unreasonably that whenever a work of art is threatened with export a chorus of protest goes up as if it was at risk of falling into the clutches of barbarians. There is indeed an insularity about some campaigns to retain works having no special links with this country, by artists already well represented here. There is a general cultural case for the diffusion of major works and there are commercial and libertarian arguments for not interfering unduly with the market.

But compared to the scale of the outflow the chorus does not go up so very often. The committee which reviews export

licences receives thousands of applications a year, and delays approval in only a handful of cases in all categories - only nine times last year; it only imposes its temporary bar in cases of exceptional significance from the aesthetic or scholarly points of view, or because of close connections with British history or national life.

"Oberon and Titania" fully deserves to qualify on at least two of these three counts. It is the second finest example of the rare work of an artist who, apart from the intrinsic quality of his work, is a figure of exceptional psychological interest, in illustrating the theme of the interplay between genius and insanity in nineteenth and twentieth century art. The painting is also of some significance as a monument to Victorian society's treatment of the mentally ill, which our own age has occasion to be condensing about.

There is no doubt that it deserves to qualify: but does it deserve to qualify at the price? Any public collection with foresight could have had it for £7,000 in 1964 (even in real terms, less than a tenth of this year's price). But in 1964 £7,000 seemed decidedly steep. No one can say whether £550,000 will seem steep or modest when another 20 years have passed; but it is safe to predict that if the picture does leave Britain, it will still be missed then.

Campus magazine has very little to do with "the innocence of student politics", as Mr Scruton suggests. It was launched, and is now run by former prominent members of the Federation of Conservative Students, including one who later became its chairman - is a full-time, party-paid student organiser. Amongst its early "satirical" articles Campus carried a two-page defence of South African apartheid.

As the largest student party-political organisation, Federation of Conservative Student's societies do very nicely out of public funds. NUS will always defend their right to organise amongst students. We will also continue to defend students' democratic right to oppose and protest against further erosion in the amount and standard of education on offer to the people of this country.

Perhaps Mr Scruton could find some equally serious problem to exercise his undoubted intellectual capacities?

Yours faithfully, JANE TAYLOR, National Secretary, National Union of Students, 461 Holloway Road, N7, August 2.

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feature the housing market which helps spread demand to other sectors of the economy. It is possible to allow for this by adjusting money targets, but as the 1972-73 period showed, it is hard to return to a more normal course of money growth without disruptive rises in interest rates. The financial cycle has its own dynamic which does not wait on economic policies.

The way to ease these problems is to reconsider public policies towards housing incentives. It has long been realized that, within the limits set by alternative land use, the price of houses is largely determined by people's ability to pay for them. In the long run, tax reliefs are merely soaked up in higher prices, leaving the next round of buyers no better off. Mortgage relief on the extra £5,000 has already produced some signs of higher than average price increases at the upper end of the housing market. Until this happened, there was a tacit understanding that inflation would whittle away tax relief in a relatively painless manner. It would be wholly impractical to abolish tax reliefs overnight, but reasonable by annual instalments over a period. This would not merely ease growing financial pressures. It would when completed make possible a 2 1/2 per cent cut in the standard rate of income tax and avoid both cross-subsidies and abuses of the system.

Today, we are still moving in the opposite direction. It is unjust, for instance, that an increase in the mortgage rate by clipping public revenue should require tax increases, cuts in public services, or sales of more shares in British Petroleum. If inflation-linked mortgages make any impact, we shall see a further comparative rise in low-price housing to destroy lasting benefits to first-time buyers and needlessly draw more savings into housing. The time has surely come when the integral importance of housing in the financial system should be recognized and public policies to encourage home ownership drawn up with that in mind.

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Elderly resent slur of being burden

From the Director of Social Services of Warwickshire County Council

Sir, May I enlist your assistance to dissuade some of our most distinguished politicians from referring to elderly people as a burden on the working population?

Apart from the gratuitous offence to a section of the community who, by definition, have done more than the rest of us to create our national wealth and are therefore entitled to share in it, the basis for these attacks is ill-informed.

For instance, the number of people over the age of retirement has actually been falling for some time and while the number of people in the very oldest age groups continues to increase, the number of people over the age of 75 years will reach its maximum in 1991 and then continue steady until the end of the century.

The number of people who are even older will continue to rise, although this is more than compensated for by the decrease in the "young elderly" group and the numbers involved are so small that they hardly constitute a threat to the national economy.

Furthermore, far from being unduly burdened by the number of dependants, both young and old, there has never been a time when the ratio of people of working age has been so high. It is hardly the fault of the children or the old people if we cannot better manage our affairs to ensure that more of the "workers" are actually in employment.

Far from being a burden on health and social services, the facts are that over 90 per cent of elderly people live and die in their own homes, making no more than marginal extra demands on their general practitioners, who receive an extra allowance for their trouble. It is only a small minority who seek or need specialist care in hospital or an old people's home or even sheltered

housing and no more than 7 per cent who receive home help or meals.

The amount spent on housekeeping for old people in hospital compares unfavourably with the figures for the district general hospitals or even the prisons, which gives some idea of our priorities.

To add to the catalogue, old people make few demands on the education service and, if the rest of the population were so law-abiding, we could disband both the police force and the Army.

It is, however, when the politicians tell us that it is the failure of families to care for their elderly relatives and that we need a return to Victorian values that my blood boils.

We have, of course, a completely different population structure, with a fourth generation of which the Victorians knew nothing. The old person of the Victorian novel was probably about 70 and today would much more likely be seen as a potential volunteer than as a recipient of services.

Similarly, it is untrue to suggest that relatives care less than they used to. The truth is that more families are caring for their elderly relatives than ever before in history, often at considerable cost to their physical and mental health.

May I suggest that a more appropriate role for the politicians, rather than making old people feel a burden and their relatives guilty, would be to concentrate on providing relief services for the elderly. They want nothing more than to retain their independence and their families will far more than be able to have some support.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT BESSELL, Director of Social Services, Warwickshire County Council, Social Services Department, PO Box 48, Shire Hall, Warwick, August 3.

This to include the provision of numerous facilities to the management which the NGA machine minders had not previously been prepared to offer.

The additional £7 referred to above is in respect of minor matters not covered by the mediator's recommendation, which we had always envisaged as involving a cost to us arising from bringing the NGA conditions of work in line with those of Sogit.

Mr Murray's statement that the NGA has accepted the recommendations of the mediator is therefore correct. Yours faithfully, A. V. HARE, Chairman and Chief Executive, Financial Times, Bracknell House, 10 Cannon Street, EC4, August 4.

was to help to preserve the Hippocratic tradition, especially its moral and ethical concepts, that the International Hippocratic Foundation of Kos was founded in 1960.

Typoid in Kos

From Dr Alex Sakula

Sir, It is ironic that the outbreak of typhoid which is currently hitting the headlines should have centred on Kos, an Aegean island which, from ancient times, has been associated with the promotion of health and healing.

Kos was famous throughout the ancient world for its Asklepieion, where the cult of Asklepios, the Greek god of healing, flourished for many centuries. Moreover, it was in Kos that, in the fifth century BC, Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine was born.

Because of its climate and natural beauty Kos has in recent years become a popular holiday resort, but it is also a mecca for pilgrims - both medical and others - who visit the ruined Asklepieion and also linger under the great plane tree, the descendant of the original under which Hippocrates practised and taught medicine 25 centuries ago. It

and eventual international recognition of the high regard in which many prehistoric British artefacts have been held by archaeologists and the museum-going public.

Given, moreover, the existence world wide of institutions able to pay high prices, no fixed change by I.M. or any other government sign as Mr Sellik advocates (July 23) is likely significantly to depreciate the international valuation of British antiquities.

I doubt the desirability of trying to prevent the export of the trapping bought by a Continental dealer, for it is no Iron Age "Contradiction, Oberon and Titania." Export would create no dangerous precedent, for British antiquities have long been sold abroad, as diversely as to Australia, Canada and Canada. Nor do I see why they should not be. Do we not, after all, continue to stuff our own museums and art galleries with the cultural heritage of other nations?

Yours faithfully, MANSEL SPRTLING, Wolfson College, Cambridge.

entry to Bar

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Your summary (July 29) of Mr Walter Merricks's article in a recent issue of the New Law Journal associated the Senate of the Inns of Court with a proposal which I put before the Advisory Committee on Legal Education at its last meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the other side of farming fence

From Mr Michael Saunders Watson

Sir, For the third time in three months you have published an article highly critical of the arable farmer. There was the double act of Richard Body and Lord Melchett in April, then there was your leader on oilseed rape (May 30) and now we have David Hart (feature, August 2).

You may have balanced these with an article giving the opposite viewpoint, but if so I am afraid I missed it and all three are so subjective, their facts so overstated, that the impression given to an uninformed reader must by now be that all arable farmers are bent on destroying the countryside at the taxpayers' expense.

I am an arable farmer and I have removed hedges to create field sizes of 50 acres or so in order to allow the most efficient use of my equipment. I have, however, planted many hundreds of trees in field corners and hedgerows to compensate and no hedge has been removed without the most careful consideration of the effect on the overall shape of the landscape.

I hate those palls of smoke clouding a summer sky, but I, too burn straw because I have to remove the surplus I cannot sell and to disinfect the field before cultivation. By using these techniques we have doubled our yield in the past ten years. We have done this to stay in business, as in the latter half of the 1970s prices so lagged behind costs that it was only by increasing yield that we were able to keep going. Nineteen eighty-two reversed this trend, however, and we have been able to re-equip properly for the first time in eight years in preparation for a leaner future.

There is an alternative, which is to remove the support from agriculture and allow wild markets to operate. We should then be competing with the vast American prairie system of low input and low output farming. The ensuing loss of hedgerows would only be equalled by the loss of jobs.

Planning controls might prevent the former, if they were implemented quickly enough, but it would be the end of the British cereal farmer. We should return to the position of the 1930s, when most of our food was imported and much land would be left derelict. The poppies would flourish once more and Mr Hart would be happy until

one day he found there was no bread in the shops.

Most farmers are conscious of the need to balance conservation with production, but there is a danger that if the present outcry continues unabated they may be driven to desperate measures to protect their position. The situation described as the norm by Mr Hart could well become a reality, in which case, heaven help us!

There are two sides to this question, therefore, and both need to be heard if we are to maintain food production without destroying the countryside.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SAUNDERS WATSON, Eastington castle, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, August 2.

From Mr W. F. de Salis

Sir, David Hart's shrill diatribe (feature, August 2) on the influence of the farming lobby misses the point because he fails to record the views of the general public. A recent public opinion poll conducted by the British Market Research Bureau showed that 75 per cent of people believe that farmers and landowners do a good job looking after the countryside.

Despite changes in farming methods, the public still rank the landscape and scenery top of their list in the benefits which people get from the countryside. They would not have done this if farmers and landowners had ruined the countryside.

There is, of course, a need for major changes in the common agricultural policy. Hopefully British politicians will work towards changes which will ensure the continuing prosperity of British agriculture. British food can provide more employment between farmgate and the housewife's shopping basket than can food imported from our European neighbours.

It is surely time that political commentators in Britain changed their craft from one of knocking success stories to one which applauds them.

Yours faithfully, W. F. de SALIS, Chief Economics and Land Use Adviser, Country Landowners' Association, 16 Belgrave Square, SW1, August 2.

controversy and this we try to do, in the open and by fair argument. In the light of The Times report we are entitled to ask how it is that the Reverend Lord Soper, President of the League, or indeed anyone else who subscribes to it in good faith, can possibly support or give credence to such an organisation any longer.

Mole among hounds

From the Chairman of the British Field Sports Society

Sir, On August 2 The Times gave prominence ("Spectrum") to a report about a man who served a nine-month prison sentence for desecrating the grave of the legendary huntsman, John Peel, and who has been following hunts with a camera to record their activities on behalf of the League Against Cruel Sports. When Peel's grave was vandalised his bones and those of his relatives were scattered around the church precincts and an obscene message left behind.

Those who direct the League Against Cruel Sports can give credit to such a man or to such trickery may be no surprise to the many country people who suffer from their activities but it must be asked whether bona fide sympathisers can still believe in this organisation. Mr Huskisson/Wright/Wilkins - or whatever his current cover name may be - has at least done a public service by demonstrating the fact.

Hunts are open to all comers and it is absurd to say they have been "infiltrated". People who follow the hounds are accepted in good faith. Country sportsmen have nothing to hide and if those responsible offend against the accepted code of conduct they may expect to suffer for it. If their opponents have a case at law why do they not bring it instead of parading such duplicity?

The Director of the League Against Cruel Sports was reported yesterday (August 3), again in The Times, as ready to re-employ Mr Huskisson whom he had previously referred to as "the best undercover agent we've ever had".

In an overwhelmingly urban society country sportsmen must face

set. However, this is now being downgraded to second class at a further capital cost of £10,000 per set.

Bedford and Luton are deprived of the choice of first-class travel at peak hours and cannot buy first-class day returns at off-peak times when the train line service calls at Bedford and Luton and the trains are running at less than 50 per cent seat occupancy.

We fear total withdrawal of first-class accommodation by stealth from London suburban and provincial secondary services. As representatives of the traveller the transport users' consultative committees will challenge BR's policy on this issue and seek implementation of reinstatement of first-class day returns nationally and first-class accommodation on the "Bed-Pan" line.

Yours faithfully, GILBERT BEAZLEY, Deputy Chairman, Transport Users' Consultative Committee for East Anglia, Bartlemas Farm, Pavenham, Bedfordshire, August 2.

Sea change

From Mr W. J. Kilpatrick

Sir, Where have all the sailors gone? "Most of the Norton's crewmen were transferred" but there were no casualties" (your correspondent, Portsmouth, August 2).

What shall we do with the drunken crewman? Every nice girl loves a crewman? Home is the crewman, home from the sea? Ugh? Yours etc.

W. J. KILPATRICK, The Meadows, Woodhurst Lane, Oxted, Surrey.

First-class returns

From Mr G. C. W. Beazley

Sir, First-class day-return tickets withdrawn by British Rail will be quickly restored, according to undertakings given my committee, if the ticket can be justified financially.

However, we have been told by senior BR management at York that there is no way BR can assess receipts from any single type of ticket. They only know total revenue collected at any station; therefore they have no idea at all whether first-class day returns produce more or less revenue.

British Rail finally introduced an electric suburban service on July 11 between Bedford and London. New rolling stock delivered in 1981 had first-class accommodation in each

trian vowels were no handicap to them. An entrant to the profession who cannot get on with the other members of his chambers or establish a rapport with his clients is likely to fail - and those who come from wealthy and influential backgrounds often have difficulty in this respect.

Somehow those responsible for selecting entrants to the School of Law will have to identify those with the requisite qualities. They are to be found in students from varying social and financial backgrounds. It is a myth that the Bar is recruited from the moneyed classes. I did not come from them, nor did many of my friends at the Bar and on the Bench.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

Princess Anne will attend a luncheon to launch the Clearing Cross Medical Research Centre Appeal at St James's Palace on October 20.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. S. R. Cordery and Miss A. C. R. Matlak. The forthcoming marriage is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Godfrey Cordery, of Wokingham, and Alice, daughter of Mr Kazimierz Matlak, of Worthing, Sussex, and Mrs Walter Renold of North Wooten, Norfolk.

Marriages

The Hon Christopher Portman and Miss C. Steenson. The marriage took place on Saturday, July 30, in the chapel at University College, Oxford.

Gray's Inn

The following scholarships, awards and prizes have been announced for 1983 by Gray's Inn: Aikin Scholarship and Birkbeck Award; Aikin Scholarship and Birkbeck Award; Aikin Scholarship and Birkbeck Award.

Science report

Medical uses for chip microphone

Research scientists at the Honeywell laboratories in Minneapolis, in the United States, have developed a novel microphone design using advanced microelectronic techniques which will fit the product on to a single chip.

Holy Land prophet preaching silence

Nationalism is at present having full play in Israel, but many Israelis believe that other ideas are meant to determine their country's policy. It should be "playing its part as a people of the Covenant and as the instrument for bringing the nations together".

Birthdays

TODAY: The Countess of Althorpe, 74; Sir Ranulph Bacon, 77; Mr Chris Bonington, 49; Mr Richard Buckle, 67; Mr Frank Finlay, 57; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, 60; Dame Monica Golding, 81; Mr Howard Hodgkin, 51; Sir Freddie Laker, 61; Lord Laytner, 82; Mr James Lees-Milne, 75; Air Vice-Marshal T. C. Macdonald, 74; Mrs General Sir M. J. M. M. 75; Mr Don Mintoff, 67; The Hon David Montagu, 55; Sir Duncan Oppenheim, 79; Mr John Reid, 28; Mr W. E. Tucker, 80; Miss Barbara Windsor, 40.

Church news

The Rev W. A. Hawkins, rector of St Paul's Church, has been elected to the post of Dean of Chester.



Junior Under Officer Mark Lillingston-Price, aged 23, who is to serve with the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles, receiving the sword of honour from General Sir George Cooper at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Latest appointments

Mr David Holmes, aged 56, chief assistant to the Director-General of the BBC, to be the secretary of the BBC from September 1, 1984.

University news

Professor Claire Falley to be Principal of St Anne's College on the retirement of Mrs N. K. Treanman in September, 1984.

Council out of touch, Runcie says

Vancouver (Reuters) - A wide gap exists between the world Council of Churches and ordinary Christians in the pew, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said in Vancouver.

OBITUARY DR LEONARD SIMPSON Eminent physician and chairman of family firm

Dr Leonard Samuel Simpson, F.R.C.P., died peacefully at his country home on August 5 at the age of 82. He was a remarkably learned and astute physician and at the same time chairman of the firm of clothing makers S. Simpson, established by his father Simon in 1854.

DAVID NIVEN

Sally Adams writes: An aspect of David Niven not touched on in your admirable obituary of July 30 is his intellectual prowess: had he not been so fulfilled in his professional life, he might have been dubbed "academic manqué".

CAROLYN JONES

Carolyn Jones, the American actress best remembered for her part in the television comedy series, The Addams Family, died of cancer in Hollywood on August 3. She was 52.

LT-COL R. H. RUSSELL

Your brief note (August 3) on Rudyard Russell, who died on July 15, does less than justice to his distinguished role in the world-wide development of amateur boxing over 30 years.

Law Report August 6 1983

When shipowners reject repudiation

The owners thereupon informed the charterers that the vessel was again at their disposal, but the charterers declined to give the charterparty any orders and regarded the charterparty as having come to an end.

Right of audience

Dismissing an ex parte application on July 25 for leave to appeal from an order of Mr Justice Lloyd who on June 8 said that a solicitor had a right of audience in the hearing of a High Court judgment summons, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting as a single judge of the Court of Appeal, said, during the course of the hearing, that if such a practice had been established by custom in the

Services tomorrow: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 11.30 a.m. Holy Trinity. Rev. P. G. H. ... ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, 11.30 a.m. Holy Trinity. Rev. P. G. H. ...

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

City refuses to panic

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Contango Day, Aug 15. Settlement Day, Aug 22.

The refusal of the big City institutions to be panicked into selling saw the London stock market put up a fierce rearguard action in the wake of the overnight weakness on Wall Street. The FT index eroded an earlier fall of 7.6 to end the day only 0.6 down at 723.0 - a rise on the account, so far, of 11.8. Leading equities responded to renewed selective support, but overall the general level of turnover remained dull. Distillers was a firm market after hours climbing 3p to 228p as a large buyer appeared, and TI Group added 6p to 160p, after 162p, as analysts continue to reappraise the engineering sector. But falls were seen in Associated Dairies 4p to 160p, Beecham 3p to 350p and GEC 4p to 216p. Gilts encountered nervous selling as the pressure for an increase in US interest rates grew. But by the close earlier losses of up to 50p had given way to gains of 25p as fears that the Government Broker was planning to announce a new issue rapidly evaporated. Most of the speculation appeared to emanate from the Futures market.

Mr Brian Wolfson, the ex-Gannet director, now in control of Anglo-Nordic emerges as the interested party eyeing Weeks Associates. Weeks said Thursday that no terms were suggested and no further discussions have taken place since the initial approach from a company they would not name. At yesterday's closing price of 21p, the shares sit 6p under asset value and are still showing a 30 per cent jump over Thursday. Scottish Northern Investment Trust has reduced its stake in Energy Finance and General Trust, unchanged at 44p, with the sale of 500,000 restricted voting shares. It now holds 1 million shares, amounting to 10.15 per cent of the equity. Wearwell, the East-London textile group, was a firm market after hours climbing 7p to 73p. Recently the group headed by Mr Asif Nadir, the Turkish entrepreneur, took a 51 per cent stake in local rival Inter-City Investments. Mr Nadir is believed to be pushing ahead with plans to merge all three of his publicly quoted companies later this year.

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Among the composite investors Commercial Union wiped out an earlier fall to close unchanged at 155p ahead of second quarter figures next week. The market is looking for Scott Giff Hancock, the brokers, have confined their intention of becoming the first broker firm to open an office in South Africa following the relaxation of exchange controls on the Cape. It will be small by London standards and according to SGH will be used as a settlement office for existing South African business. pretax profits of £16m making a total so far this year of £30m against £15m last time. But elsewhere, Eagle Star lost 7p to 406, General Accident 5p to 425p, and Royal Insurance 9p to 495p as the rest of the market remained dejected.

Glass tumbled 20p to 915p in the wake of the company's statement on prospects for the sale of its anti-ulcer drug, Zantac, in the US. While the group has been more than encouraged by the sales of the drug over there during its first weeks, it warned it was too early to confirm some of the more optimistic brokers estimates being published. Zantac estimates had pushed the drug's share of the anti-ulcer market as high as 12 per cent. This compared with a figure of about 7 per cent estimated by the US drug industry. Smith & Nephew slipped 1p to 165p ahead of interim figures next week. De Zetec & Bevan, brokers, say the main impetus to growth has come from medical and healthcare business. De Zetec is looking for pretax profits of £18.2m - an increase of 22 per cent on the corresponding period - and is recommending the shares as a buy. Bassett Foods, the liquorice of £2.9m.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 723.0 down 0.6 FT Gilt: 79.03 down 0.16 FT All Shares: 450.87 down 2.11

Bargains: 20,026 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 97.67 up 0.22 New York Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1181.19 down 1.90

Tokyo Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 845.66 down 31.55 Hongkong Hang Seng Index: 1,028.25 up 5.27 Amsterdam: 148.1 down 1.3 Sydney: AO Index: 888.8 down 2.4

Frankfurt Commerzbank Index: 94.20 down 12.5 Brussels General Index: 132.04 down 0.86 Paris: CAC Index: 131.4 down 0.5 Zurich: SKA General: 294.9 down 0.1

CURRENCIES

London Close Sterling \$1.4855 down 20pts Index 84.3 up 0.3 DM 3.9875 up 0.0125 FF 12.00 up 0.0550 Yen 362.50 unchanged Dollar Index 129.0 up 0.8 DM 2.6810

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling \$1.4850 INTERNATIONAL ECUS 0.571595 SDREQ. 706664

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rate 9 1/2 Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 8 1/2 3 month interbank 9 1/8-9 1/16

Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 10 1/8-10 1/16 3 month DM 5 1/4-5 1/8 3 month Fr 16 1/4-16 1/8

US rates: Bank prime rate 10.50 Fed funds 9 1/2 Treasury long bond 9 3/4-9 1/2

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest periods 6 July to 2 August, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$409 pm \$409.75 close \$410.75-411.50 (\$276.5-277) down \$2.25 New York latest: \$409.75

Krugers (per coin): \$423.24-50 (\$284.50-285.50) Sovereigns (new): \$96.97 (\$64.50-65.25) *Excludes VAT

NOTEBOOK

Rubber prices have bounded up over the last six months, after two years of depression. If they continue at the present rate they could, within weeks, reach the point at which the rubber buffer stock manager must sell. How will the market react?

American Depository receipts, previously an obscure technicality, sprang to prominence during the Sothaby affair. In recent weeks American investors have acquired sizable stakes in blue chip British companies. But the speed at which these stakes have increased has posed problems for Morgan Guaranty, the inventor of ADRs.

In the wake of Henderson administration another investment group has restructured. Atlantic Assets is capitalizing holdings in Ivory & Sims and Personal Asset. The directors will realize some of their holdings, but the discount is attractive to other shareholders.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Longdon Industrial Holdings Year to 31.3.83. Pretax loss £186,000 (loss £136,000). Stated loss 4.5p (3.6p). Turnover £27,700,000. Net final dividend 1p (same).

Sidney C. Banks Year to 30.4.83. Pretax profit £1,171,000 (£872,000). Stated earnings 25.48p (23.02p). Turnover £89,724,000. Dividend payable 4.10.83.

Aquis Securities Half-year to 30.8.83. Pretax profit £184,000 (£288,000). Stated earnings 0.69p (0.31p). Net interim dividend 0.45p (0.4p). Dividend payable 4.10.83.

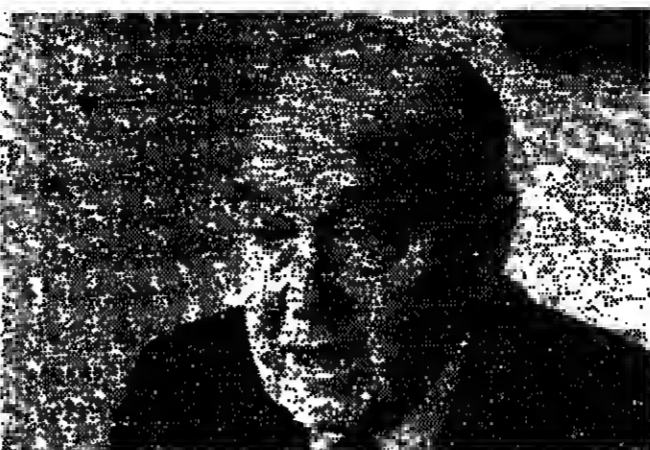
Streeters of Godalming Year to 31.12.82. Pretax loss £387,000 (£215,000 profit). Stated loss 5.2p (2.9p earnings). Turnover £9,801,000 (£10,752,000) at final dividend none (same).

Exports boost by former BA subsidiary

STC celebrates independence by doubling interim profits to £42m

By Michael Prest

Standard Telephone and Cables, the electronics group, celebrated its independence on Monday. Sir Kenneth Corfield, STC's chairman, said that exports shot up by 90 per cent to £111m. IAL was bought as part of the Government's programme of selling assets to the private sector. The company specializes in computer and aviation services and in communications. The huge Anzac cable contract, under which STC provides the cables to link Australia, New Zealand and Canada in a new telecommunications system, produced a 40 per cent rise in pretax income. These made up part of the extra export sales. STC does not break down profits or sales between its six divisions at the interim stage, but it is clear that telecommunications and telephone exchanges in particular are important profit centres. The company claims to be the country's biggest exporter of telecommunications equipment, the bulk of it for civilian use. It does not export exchanges. At the end of last year STC



Corfield: Exports rose by 90 per cent

made a controversial decision to withdraw from the System X programme to supply British Telecom with a new generation of advanced digital telephone exchanges. But STC now says that it is supplying British Telecom with TXE4A exchanges at the rate of one a week, and that business should continue at that level for several years. Sales of business systems are also proceeding briskly. Demand for telex machines, word processing equipment, data terminals and visual display units, and the smaller FAX telephone exchanges, is growing. There has also been a strong demand from business and private consumers for the "intelligent" telephones manufactured by STC Telecommunications. STC expects expenditure on research and development to be more than £40m compared with £30m last year. With earnings per share up from 6.2p to 8.5p, it is widely expected in the City that last year's pretax profits of £64.3m could become as much as £100m in 1983.

Exports to eastern Europe up 16%

By John Lawless

British exports to eastern Europe are increasing twice as fast this year as sales to the world as a whole. At £401m in the first five months, they are 16 per cent up on the same period in 1982, against a global increase of 7 per cent. Extrordinarily, Poland is Britain's biggest growth customer. Sales of £67m there between January and May produced a 72 per cent leap in British exports. Exceptional factors are at play, though. Poland's foreign purchases were low last year but, without having to pay its debts while western sanctions are in force, the Warsaw authorities have much more ready cash to spend. The increase in sales to the Soviet Union, at 46 per cent, is much more significant. Exports reached £194m by the end of May, against £133m a year before. "Most encouraging is that sales seem to be rising right across the board", Mr Anthony Hore, executive secretary of the East European Trade Council, said yesterday. "There is no jumbo-sized project in the pipeline." Shipments from John Brown Engineering to the Siberian gas pipeline, which President Re-

International Signal buoyant

IN BRIEF

First-quarter results of International Signal and Control Group are ahead of budget, yet most of the financial year's profits will be made in the second half, it was said at yesterday's annual meeting. The order book for both the military systems and international divisions have been growing at a very satisfactory rate, according to Mr James Guerin, the chairman. In Britain, the company secured its first contracts with the Ministry of Defence. Cluff Oil is reducing the level of exploration in North America until its American subsidiary can finance future wells out of cash-flow. Mr Algy Cluff, the chairman, said in the annual report. Demand for gas in the US continued to be depressed. North Sea royalty income was hit by bad winter weather. Tarnae Building Products has agreed with the Cookson Group to buy Durastic, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cookson. Leyland Trucks has won an order for 52 vehicles to be used in the construction of Mount Pleasant airport in the Falklands. Worth about £5m including spare parts and on-the-ground service support, it includes 51 trucks from Leyland's Bathgate plant in West Lothian and a tractor unit from the Seammill plant, Watford. Norsk Hydro and the Swedish chemicals company, Kemanol, have agreed to enter into negotiation with a view to Norsk acquiring Kemanol's PVC operations. Kemanol has a PVC production capacity of 110,000 tonnes a year.

What Britain sells and buys from the Soviet Union (1982)

UK exports	£m	UK imports	£m
Industrial machinery	89	Oil	427
Textiles yarns and fibres	42	Diamonds*	270
Power equipment	37	Wood etc	94
Chemicals	29	Hides and skins	23
Iron and steel	19		
Office machinery	15		
Total	£356m	Total	£915m

*Estimated based on 1976-80 averages, diamonds no longer being recorded in UK Overseas Trade Statistics

Big profits recovery for McLeod

By Our Financial Staff

McLeod Russell Year to 31.3.83. Pretax profit £4.9m (1.8m). Stated earnings 14.5p (1.07p). Turnover £59.3m (£25.8m). Net dividend 10p (7.5p). Share price 302p up 28p Yield 3.5%.

McLeod Russell, the plantations company, yesterday announced a big recovery in profits. At the same time the directors unveiled a new corporate strategy, the objective of which is to achieve an equal division of resources between three areas of activity - plantations, property and trading, and manufacturing.

At present the vast majority of the group's profits come from overseas plantations, leaving the company with considerable carried forward tax losses in the UK and unrelieved advance corporation tax.

Waddington attack renewed by BPCC

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing and Communications Corporation, yesterday launched a fresh attack on the management record of John Waddington, for which his group is bidding £18.2m. Waddington has rejected Mr Maxwell's takeover offer as opportunistic. The Leeds-based packaging stationery and games company says it will make profits of at least £3m in the current year and pay total dividends up from 0.5p to 1.5p. In a letter to Waddington shareholders detailing his latest offer, Mr Maxwell says: "So far your directors have advised you not to accept our increased offer. I believe that in their management record they do not deserve your confidence."

He says he thinks a £3m profit would represent a once-for-all figure arising from cost cutting. "It is a fragile figure, for your board admits that it

expects sales to be only similar to last year's." Mr Maxwell says the forecast dividend is covered only 1.5 times on a full-taxed basis and reminds Waddington shareholders that in the financial years 1981 to 1983 the dividend was halved and then reduced to a "desirable level".

Waddington has been fighting for its independence for the past two months since a bid was launched by Norton Opax. Earlier this week Norton sold its Waddington shares for a £250,000 profit to BPCC. This means BPCC now owns a 19 per cent stake in Waddington.

Mr Victor Watson, Waddington chairman, says BPCC is still trying to get his company on the cheap even with its increased offer. Waddington will be writing to its shareholders again next week urging rejection of the BPCC offer, which initially closes on August 23.

USM group to clinch £3m catering deal

By Jeremy Warner

Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant-owning group, is poised to win the catering rights for the Trocadero development in London's Piccadilly Circus. The project, which is expected to be confirmed shortly, will be one of the biggest ever handled by the small Unlisted Securities Market company and will require a total investment of about £3m. It is unclear how much of this will be financed directly by the company.

Up to 20 separate "theme" bars and catering units are due to be installed in the 2-acre site. Two weeks ago, the group opened a £900,000 London version of Maxim's, the world famous restaurant. Chairman Mr Michael Golder says that the restaurant's banqueting bookings for the autumn and

Christmas periods are already well above forecasts. The group is now to seek a full Stock Exchange listing. To coincide with the expected rapid growth in sales and profits that the two projects are likely to produce. In the six months to the end of last April, the group increased its pretax profits from £395,000 to £189,000 on sales up by more than £1m to £4.3m, figures released by the group yesterday show. The rise in profits is attributed to improved trading in nearly all parts of the group's

Brookes poised for Piccadilly

business and the addition of the Genevieve chain of restaurants. The Mario Franco restaurant chain, which was losing money heavily when the group bought it 18 months ago for £1.25m, is now trading profitably and is to expand the number of outlets. Genevieve Restaurants is said to be performing well and the group believes that its profit will improve when it completes refurbishment within six months. In the past few months the group has been reorganized into separate divisions to increase the independence of the restaurants. Mr Golder says: "It is important to keep the personal touch in this business so that more independent you can give the restaurants the better."

US jobless rate in sharp fall to 9.5%

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States unemployment rate fell to 9.5 per cent in July as nearly 500,000 Americans found jobs, the Labour Department reported here. Last month's reduction from June's 10.0 per cent underscored the steady progress in reducing national unemployment that has taken place since the severe recession ended last year. Then, the unemployment rate was at a post-war high of 10.8 per cent. Unemployment has not fallen by as much as half a percentage point in a single month for many years. Total employment increased by 499,000 to 101.3 million last month.

A White House official called the Labour Department's report "outstanding" and added: "These figures speak far louder than words and there's nothing I can add to the good news they portray for the American worker."

However, 10.6 million Americans are still unemployed, 596,000 below June's level. The July decline in joblessness occurred primarily among women, whose rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 7.9 per cent. The rate for men declined from 9 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

International Harvester is continuing talk with other companies, including Enasa of Spain, about the possible sale of its Sodon-Atkinson truck subsidiary in Britain. General Motors says it has stopped talks about takeover of the subsidiary.

Electric fell 1/2 to 48 1/2; Texas Instruments fell 1/2 to 105 1/2; Johnson & Johnson fell 1/2 to 42; K-Mart rose 3/4 to 31 1/2; Sears Roebuck fell 1/2 to 40 1/2; Tandy fell 1/2 to 42 1/2.

US credit markets opened lower amid pessimism about the outlook for interest rates because of the robust economy and strong money supply growth, dealers said. Prices were marked down they said, in a renewed bid to attract investors to the \$15.75bn (£10.64bn) of Treasury securities auctioned during this week's refunding. Demand for the \$4bn sale of 30-year bonds was strong, but came mostly from dealers. The new bonds, due 2013 and bearing a 12 per cent coupon, opened at 99 1/32, 3/8 below the 99.357 average auction price, while the 10% of 2012 shed 1/16 to 86 1/8.

Forecasts of a rise in the weekly US M1 money supply figures of about 600m also discouraged buyers. American Telephone & Telegraph rose 3/4 to 62 1/2; GeneRal

Dow starts to recover

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday, after recovering part of their heavy losses. The Dow Jones industrial average fell about a point after sliding five from an early advance. Advances and declines were even and trading was moderate.

Mr Arthur D Ammann of Boettcher company of Denver says "Some believe this market is oversold, but I expect it will become even more oversold. A close below 1,180 which I expect will occur today can result in a drop to 1,100 or lower."

International Business Machines at 119 1/2 was down 1/2; General Motors was 68 1/2 down 1/2; Exxon was 37 1/2 up 1/2; NCR was 116 down 1/2; Ford was 54 1/2 down 1/2; AMP was 30 1/2 down 1/2; McDonnell Douglas was 49 1/2 down 1/2; Digital Equipment was 104 1/2 up 1/2; Northwest Airlines was 44 down 1/2; and Commodore International was 42 1/2 up 1/2.

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City Editor's Comment

The long, hard road to Wytch Farm

If Mrs Thatcher's first four years taught this Government anything about privatization, it was surely that converting simple manifesto promises into reality is a terribly frustrating, time-consuming and complicated business. Nowhere has the task proved more sisyphian than with the Government's plans to sell off the British Gas corporation's 50 per cent stake in Wytch Farm, the country's largest on-shore oil field.

It is now more than two years since Mr David Howell, then Secretary of State for Energy, first announced the Government's intention to sell the asset. Two energy secretaries later, the process has still not been completed, notwithstanding the fact that the department's original deadline for completing the disposal was the end of the 1981/2 financial year (i.e. 16 and a bit months ago).

A buyer has been found in the form of the Dorset Group, a consortium of five independent British oil companies, and the terms of the sale have, after protracted negotiations, finally been approved by the Government at least, if not by the gas corporation. But once again, the latest deadline for tying up the sale - the middle of last month - has come and gone. The betting is that it will be several weeks before the final legal and contractual issues have been settled, and Wytch Farm moves into the private sector.

It is ironic that the Government's original decision to sell the asset by auction to the oil industry, rather than issue shares to the public, was taken in the belief that it would enable the whole process to be wrapped up more quickly. This calculation has proved to be startlingly misguided.

Add to this the fact that British Gas has, by common consent, had much the better of the argument about the wisdom of selling

off a proven revenue-earning asset during a buyer's market in oil, and it is no surprise that government ministers have long since given up boasting about this particular roll-back of the State frontiers.

The price the Government will obtain for Wytch Farm - £80m as an initial payment, and £80m later, followed by further small royalty payments if production reaches certain levels - is hardly a princely sum that justifies the hours of effort that have gone into forcing through the sale against the corporation's wishes.

The lessons from the exercise have proved invaluable however in preparing for future privatization. This is why the Government is handling the proposed sale of the corporation's North Sea oil assets differently. From September 1, the assets will be owned and managed directly by the energy department until a share sale or oil industry auction can be arranged. This will probably take the best part of a year.

Handling the sale itself is common sense, but also somewhat bizarre. For it means that a non-interventionist and privatizing Government will now be actively running, on a day-to-day basis, a business that it believes it should not be in.

Meanwhile Tricentol, Carless Capel, Clyde and the other British oil companies in the Dorset group are growing old waiting to get their hands on an asset which will play a key role in determining whether they are to prosper or not in the next few years' tougher oil climate.

Who would have thought that Tricentol would get quicker service from the Chinese, who are expected to sign an exploration deal with them in the next day or two, than they would from their own Government?

Phoenix Timber has announced full year pretax losses of £995,000 compared with £1.2m loss a year ago. There is no dividend for the third consecutive year, but Mr Alexander Gourvitch, chairman, says trading is profitable now.

Phoenix has recently rationalized its business and in the first four months showed £200,000 of profits and a rise in sales of 28 per cent. Sales in the year ended last March rose to £43.5m, from £39.5m the year before.

Other benefits seen in the present year come from discontinued trading at Dewsbury and Leeds, while two businesses were sold as going concerns. The main importing and trading areas of softwoods, sheet materials and hardwoods have been rationalized. Mr Gourvitch is confident that the trading recovery will continue and that a satisfactory profit will be earned in the present year. The board will recommend a dividend when trading profits permit, he says.

Phoenix trims losses

By Wayne Lintott

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Gontran Goulden boards a packet ship for a Norwegian coastal cruise Weaving around the Arctic's rocky fjords on the decks of the Midnight Sun

My uncle Hubert used to say that when a man was getting on a bit and feeling a bit seedy a sea voyage was just the thing. Mind you, I don't think he had ever been further than Margate in one of those old paddle-steamers, but he was right in principle.

Sea voyages, apart from cruises, are not easy to find these days, and I hadn't met a Hebridean deep-sea diver in Charing Cross Hospital I might never have heard of the Norwegian Coastal Service.

Now in its ninetieth year it operates daily between Bergen on the west coast and Kirkenes in the far north, a distance of about 1,200 miles, of which half is within the Arctic Circle. The round trip takes 11 days and the ship makes 34 calls in each direction, serving as a long-distance bus and carrying mail, frozen fish and general freight between mainland ports and off-shore islands.

The attraction for the discerning tourist is that he can take a round trip mainly in sheltered waters amid the superb scenery of the fjords, without all the brouhaha of a cruise.

For the seadog, who loves to arrive in a strange harbour and appreciates skilful pilotage and the niceties of coming alongside in all weathers, this is a special treat, and for land-lubbers, a new and fascinating experience.

Eleven ships maintain the service. We took one of the newest and largest, the Midnatsol under the command of Captain Bard Edvardsen. She is odd to look at, but ships have been getting uglier since they started putting engines in them. Of all-welded construction, she has widely flared bows, slab sides and her upper works are pushed right forward. Above her rail she has four decks surrounded by a "greenhouse" giving an excellent all-round view.

The after deck is arranged for containers, with space for 40 cars in a hangar beneath. A large crane occupies the middle of this deck, pushing the single rectangular funnel to one side; logical but not pretty. The engines are in the stern under the hanger. The Midnatsol being a very manoeuvrable "high technology" ship, everything is controlled from the bridge, a quiet place where an officer in an armchair, wearing bedroom slippers, sits surrounded by controls, knobs and dials, very much like the flight deck of an aircraft.

The passenger accommodation is excellent. Interior design is first class, and the standard cabins, with shower, basin and lavatory are roomy for one, reasonable for two, and can take three. Public rooms are comfortably furnished, and a lift makes life easier for the oldies. In the dining room excellent fish is plentiful and well served.

An almost continuous chain of skerries - flat-topped rocks - form a breakwater along the west coast of Norway, upon which the rollers of the North Sea pound with a constant roar. Inside this barrier the skerries become small islands to which buildings cling like limpets. Then come the larger islands in all shapes and sizes. Our route runs between them and the fjord-indented mainland.

The scene changes constantly, offering little repose to those who want to see everything. We head for a narrow channel between two islands whose slopes plunge straight into the water. The texture of the rocks varies greatly - some are smooth and benign, others harsh and terrifying in their roughness. The view opens out into a wide fjord with distant mountains, then closes again to form another narrow channel, flanked by bath shaped islands where scattered houses crouch in sheltered bays.

In April most low peaks have an icing sugar dusting of snow, which lying more thickly in crevices creates a striped black and white effect. Colours generally are sombre - grey, black and brown in varied shades depending on the light. Later everything will be green with birch trees. Always when the view opens out there is a distant panorama of jagged and smooth white mountains where the shadows are blue. In the evening the white snows change to pink in the setting sun.

The scenery in bright sunlight - it shone almost all the time - is one of immense grandeur which a cloud can turn in an instant to one of menace and forboding, accentuated, perhaps, by the bright red sail of a fishing boat.

Often when the mountain slopes flatten before entering the water there are timber houses, very neat and prim, and traditionally painted in all the pale colours of the rainbow. Fishermen's houses stand on piles at the water's edge with a moored fishing boat alongside.

A red mail van waits, and two men arrive to take the Midnatsol in laid alongside, and the moment she is moored the quay comes to life. An enormous ramp is



Cathedral spire: Trondheim's old waterfront.

lowered from her side and several fork-lift trucks hurtle to unload the mail and merchandise. Goods for loading are waiting in stacks. Loading and unloading goes on simultaneously and at top speed, the trucks avoiding each other like seagulls on the wing.

A loudspeaker warns that the ship is about to leave. The ramp and gangway are hauled up, warps cast off, one blast on the hooter and we are away. The operation may have taken 20 minutes or two hours, but we are always on time.

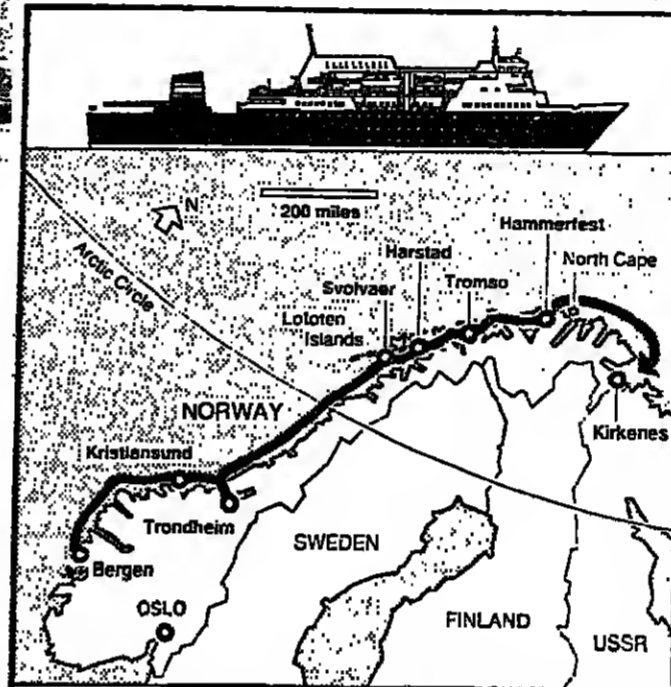
Few towns look their best from the docks. Trondheim, Norway's third largest city, is no exception. Warehouses, lorry parks, marshalling yards and general mess keep the ship at arm's length. It is only in the small towns that the quays are close to the centre, and even there, brand new storehouses are replacing the handsome old timber buildings. However we did see some conservation and preservation of wooden buildings going on, particularly in

Tromsø, where, in sharp contrast, a huge high-level concrete bridge spans the fjord. The North Cape was named by the British explorer Richard Chancellor in 1553, and Admiral Lord Fraser took it as his title after the Second World War. It is very large and intimidating, black, precipitous, potentially storm-swept and a thousand feet high. We rounded it slowly and with proper respect.

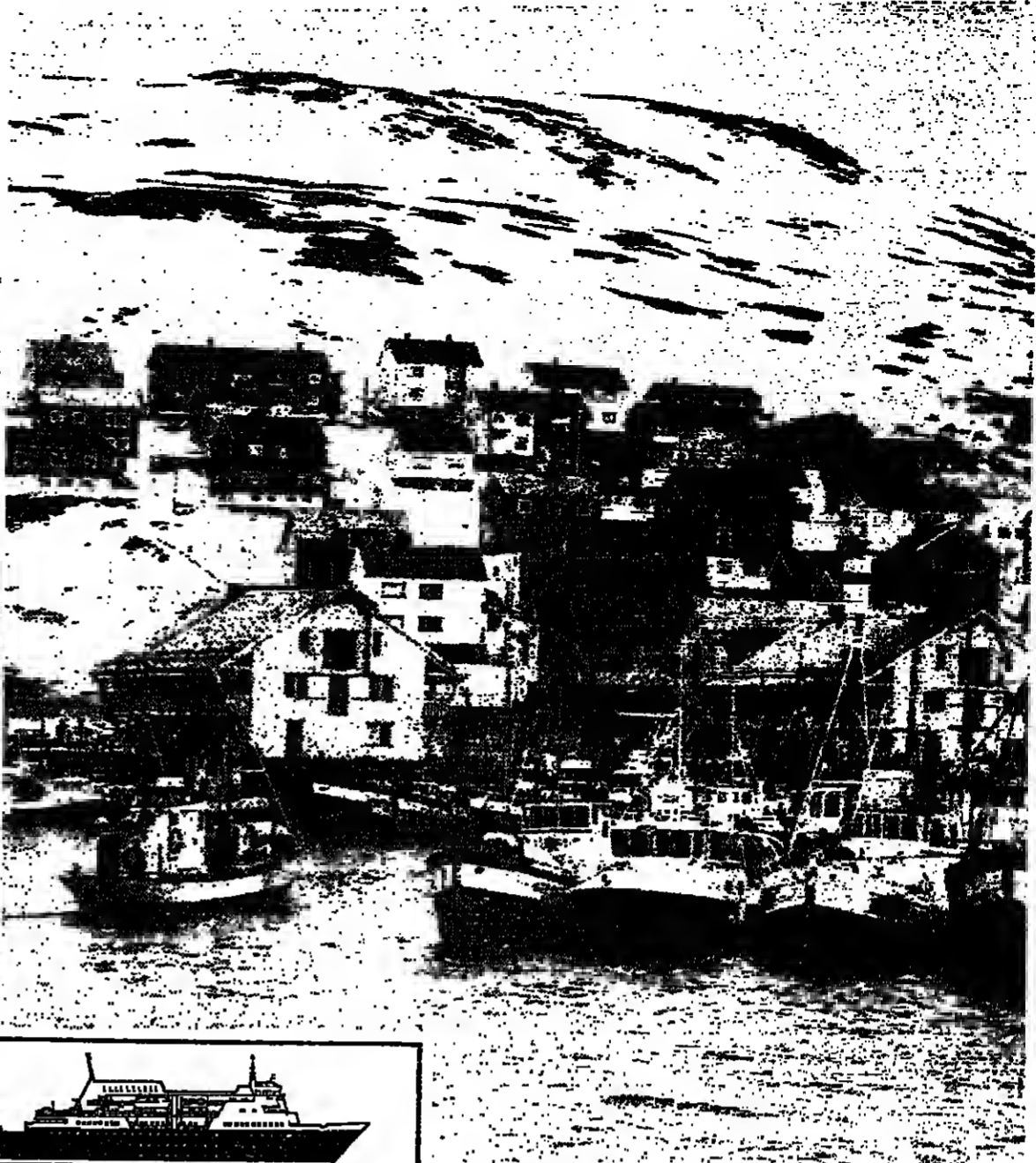
Many ports were virtually obliterated during the war. Most, like Hammerfest, the world's northernmost town, were rebuilt without imagination. Kirkenes, the turning point of our voyage, where magnetite is mined, is another.

As we steam further north the weather has become noticeably colder, though no less brilliant. At Kirkenes a thin film of ice covers the water, with deep snow ashore.

There is however one exception - Kristiansund, an internal harbour surrounded by fine



timber buildings all painted white or pale green, pink, grey or brown. Although grievously damaged, the town has been rebuilt in the traditional way. The real architecture of the fjords is in the waterside groups of buildings and an occasional church. The most exciting part of the whole voyage was the homeward passage from Harstad to Svolvær in the Lofoten islands. Channels were narrower, banks steeper, precipices more forbidding and mountains more jagged. It was a microcosm of the whole trip which included two of the most interesting harbours and a terrible pang of drying fish at Svolvær. We were well advised to take



Bleak beauty: Fishing boats at Honningsvåg.

our trip early in the season, but we were lucky with the weather. We had expected it to be bad. There were only 26 of us on the round trip, but plenty of short-haul passengers, who seemed to spend their time below. We had the decks to ourselves. If the ship had been full, meals would have been in relays, decks crowded and people in the public rooms sitting on each other's knees.

The real menace came from hordes of rampaging children. On one night passage 300 of them slept (or rather didn't sleep) in halls, alleyways and even the lift. We lashed them with our tongues at 3 am, but to little effect. We reflected that we were there on sufferance for, after all, this was really a bus service.

We were too late for the Northern Lights, and too early for the Midnight Sun; rare birds had not yet come north. Some people saw a whale but it may have been that submarine. The Captain and his crew ran

a good ship, and otherwise were self-effacing. A smart girl purser was our obliging mentor.

Back in Bergen, clutching our Arctic Circle certificates issued by Njord, god of the Seven Seas, we left the Midnatsol with real regret after a marvellous voyage that did much more than just blow away the cobwebs.



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Paddle or pray: Water rafters are thrown out but retrieved without injury

A swirl and a paddle in chipmunk country



White water rafting puts your heart in your mouth and keeps it there. Vanity must go out of the window: on arrival you put on (if the weather is unreliable) a very bright orange wetsuit, probably still wet from the person before you. You change out of your comfortable clothes in a cold and draughty outdoor house, peeling on the orange skin with distinct repulsion. Take heart - they (and you) tuck up. Pimslie on feet, life jacket tightly tied on, you climb into sturdy inflatables and are given a brief instructive talk by impossibly tough-looking Canadians on the lines of: "If you fall out, don't panic, but mind the rocks."

The sun saw us off, as we began tentatively to follow the other boat. There were 10 of us in ours, and we were accompanied by a jaunty Frenchman called Jérôme, who was our guide, our helmsman and our courage. "Look about you. Admire the scenery. These trees reach to the water's edge. You are travelling through them in the only possible way. There used to be trappers and traders and much portage (carrying of canoes and cargo when the river goes too tough), now there are woodsmen and lumberjacks. And bears, racoons, porcupines,

skunks, occasionally moose. The river ran smooth and quick, the trees were very green, chipmunks scuttled about on the banks. But in the distance came the haziness of spray, the mist thrown up by the rapids, the white water we had come to try. A great and nervous silence came over the boat. We were worried.

Jérôme was not, and stopped us to rehearse the safety precautions. We pulled our life jacket straps tighter still, and listened to our instructions: "You'll love it. If the boat stays upright, stay where you are; if it tips, you must jump to the higher side, otherwise you will fall out. Don't worry if that happens - there are men with ropes on shore, and there are those in kayaks who will come to find you. Listen to me. When I say paddle, paddle. If I say more, give it all you've got, otherwise we will be stuck."

We ploughed on, none of us with any idea of what to expect, but becoming less convinced about the fun we were going to have. We paddled hard, and the water changed from smooth to paralytically bubbly, mountainous in its proportions, and we were in.

"Forward right, back left! More, more! Come on, pull!" The water piled high and broke over us, cold enough to make us gasp, and then whoop with exhilaration. Sideways, forward, tossed about like James Bond's Martini, we were through in seconds. We looked back at the water, white and powerful, and felt wonderful. After that it was plain sailing.

The rapids became as times more difficult, more dangerous - "if you don't paddle very hard". To stay in the boat, you lean against the side, propping yourself up on the big tube, and balancing by pressing your foot

against that of the person opposite.

I loved it, even the cold, the wet and the initial fear. After the first drop, the fear became exhilaration and excitement, tinged with an awareness that it was a little dangerous, and one's seat in the boat was precarious in the extreme. The men on the banks with their ropes and in the kayaks were not there for show, and they became very attentive before each rapid - if one of us had fallen out, they had to do something about it pretty quickly.

Stanley Kowalski's Wilderness Tours take thousands of people down the river every year with no casualties. People are tossed out, but are retrieved without injury. It is a successful enterprise. In an increasingly unnatural world, people come to taste the strong flavour of surroundings that still elude civilization.

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Beachburg, and Ottawa is an hour or so's drive away. The bears are not hungry for blood, but for the comfortable pickings they can find in the store cupboard, and the chipmunks pick quickly at the bread you throw, not very far away. The river isn't out for anything either, but it ceeds a little respect. The water rushes over rocks that have been smoothed with age, but they are none the less hard for all that, and it is not difficult to be thrown out of a rubber boat that is being flung around in whirling water that shoots down mini waterfalls, 5 or 6 ft high.

When you reach the end of the trip, yellow school buses wait for you, and the hot tea, coffee, cider or hot chocolate is welcome on the bank before carrying the boat to the trailer and deflating them. The deflation is not catching; the excitement lasts. My body felt freshly tired, and I slept very soundly that night.

Sylvia Howe

be rented for \$10 by advance reservation. Waterproof bags are provided for cameras. Flights: OP Air, Gatwick to Toronto, return £226 until Oct 31, £277 from Nov. Add on £8 Canadian departure tax, and £10 each way for travel on Fri, Sat or Sun.

Hotels: Uniformly North American. Not a hairdryer to be had and iron at a premium, so take your own. Royal York, Toronto (very grand), double from \$95 plus 7 per cent tax on meals and 5 per cent on rooms. Red Oak Inn, Thunder Bay, (less grand), double from \$50. Arrowhead Pines, Algonquin National Park (the nicest), double from \$66 per person per day, including three meals, based in a log cabin.

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TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shana Crawford Poole

Sightseeing London between the jams

The coach tourist's London has no Covent Garden, no Leicester Square, no Soho and no Chelsea. Their London is a collage of snatched views of towers, banks, pubs, churches and traffic accompanied by a commentary of facts and figures often too new and complex to retain.

I decided to sample what London offers for travellers looking for an easy way to acquaint themselves with the capital quickly. I went on five standards coach tours and one special - the Evan Evans City tour.

The four routes were all chosen for accessibility rather than interest. The route planners were unanimous that a tourist needed to see Hyde Park Corner, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street and St Paul's; all the coaches stopped at scenic spots, such as on London Bridge, just long enough for holiday snaps to be taken.

The commentaries, too, all by London Tourist Board trained guides, were similar. They consisted of a blend of London-

life snippets (If you want to pay £500-600 for a suit, Sackville Street is where you want to go); a smattering of historical facts often with an American slant ('John Harvard was baptised in Southwark Cathedral') and a good deal of superfluous information ('Dillon's is almost as well-known as Foyles but not quite').

Presented with this miscellaneous jumble of strange information, most of the tourists maintained a look of stony indifference. My fellow travellers did

appear to care about whether the seats were comfortable, the windows clean - a French tourist spent five minutes trying to wipe the grease from his window - and the air-conditioning working. After a particularly hot tour an American girl left me with a gently ironical farewell: "It was nice being hot with you."

We can only hope the coach tourist retains some enthusiasm for London after two or more hours of concentrated visual and mental stimulation. I'm not sure I did.

FRAMES, A LOOK AT LONDON - PANORAMIC TOUR

Two tours daily, £4.50. Under 12: £3.00. Tour takes approximately two hours.

The Frames' coach was last year's model: broken clock, thick red tartan seats and fans that could not cope with the freak London heat. The driver was unaura of the route and needed regular prompting from the guide ("turn left here... now"). Confidence waned when she grazed a cat-iron bollard in Pall Mall. Billed as a "familiarization tour", it took us no further west than Hyde Park Corner, included 10 minutes driving round the Barbican and stopped only at the Dld Curiosity Shop where the curios proved less attractive than the diet Pepsi on offer next door. The commentary was slipshod and occasionally downright misleading. Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen" was not a reindeer and the National Liberal Club is not the Ministry of Defence. The tour, advertised as two hours, took three and a half.

EVAN EVANS, AFTERNOON TOUR OF CITY OF LONDON. One tour daily, £9.00. Child 5-14: £7.50. Price includes entry into the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels. Tour takes approximately three and a half hours.

The coach was 20 minutes late, but the last word in luxury and the only one to have either air-conditioning or tinted windows. The tour included the standard crawl down Fleet Street to a quiet at St Bride's ("Doesn't it look like a wedding cake?") and the Law Courts ("Gothic over 100 years old") as well as guided visits to both St Paul's ("Lady Diana wanted to get married here") and the Tower of London ("The most important building in the country"). Our guide was a Spaniard with a thick accent and a nice line in irreverent humour: "Like all good heroes Nelson died young; before his pattern was good, accurate, thorough and entertaining."

CULTURE BUS. Tours approximately every 30 minutes, £2.50. Child 6-16: £1.50. Family of four (two adults, two children £7.00). Tour takes approximately two hours.

The sunflower-yellow Culture Bus is a newcomer to the London touring scene. Four double-deckers circle London on a two-hour, 18-mile loop stopping at 20 points of interest from Harrods and the British Museum to HMS Belfast and Lambeth Palace. Passengers can alight at any stop for as long as they like and reboard any of the other buses at no extra cost. Our bus was clean and cheerful though almost empty. A friendly driver doubled as guide, offering a sparse commentary on the major sights and end more detailed information on



what could be seen at each stop ("Oxford Street, where Marks and Spencer earns more money per square metre than any other store in the world"). Tickets are valid all day and for the whole of the next if you board after 3pm.

CITYRAMA, LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR. Tours approximately every hour, £3. Child 5-14: £1.50; tour takes approximately one and a half hours.

Our guide for the Cityrama tour was a pre-recorded tape in a choice of eight languages. "Great way to learn a new language" the driver told me as he handed me a pair of headphones, but the French lady behind the wheel wanted to learn a new language nor hear about London and she steadfastly refused her part. The commentary was wide-ranging though merrily lapses into the banal ("On the right is Beauchamp Place with a character of its own"). The English language tape had alternating male and female voices, their remarks preceded by an irritating BEEP.

The timing of the commentary was problematic, often referring to sights the everyday mid-afternoon traffic had prevented us reaching or the unexpected lack of vehicles meant we had already passed. "The postal address for Apsley House is No 1, London" hardly seemed appropriate by the time we had arrived at Whitton Place. The royal blue double-decker had a security air, with new maps taped to the walls and old ones strewn on the floor.

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6-10pm Sun (bar snacks). In the shadow of Southwark Bridge and, unfortunately, a large new building site, stands The Anchor, an eighteenth-century pub with seventeenth-century antecedents and Shakespearean connections - the original Globe theatre was nearby. Set a few yards back from the river, the pub's frontage is currently marred by the construction work ("this blasted hell"), and the splendid views across the Thames to St Paul's must be enjoyed from the confines of a small yard with picnic tables and incongruous beach umbrellas.

Nevertheless, the pub's interior is undeniably atmospheric - a maze of low-beamed rooms filled with "historical London" paraphernalia of varying degrees of credibility. Predictably, the Anchor is a popular stop-off on the tourist circuit, so be prepared to find it full of leisure-seekers rather than perky-coated Cockneys.

Stan Hey

COLLECTING

Grand designs for a miniature world

Faced with the not unusual problem of finding a suitable dolls' house for his small daughter, Alexandra, Dr Andreas Papadakis, Editor of *Architectural Design* magazine, tried the toyshop and did not like what he saw. He lit on the novel plan of inviting the architects of the world to compete in designing one for her. For Stage 1 in 1981 contestants submitted drawings and intentions. The interest was amazing. A total of 260 entries was submitted. Of these 50 were selected to prepare an actual model and 20 other renowned architects were also invited to join the competition.

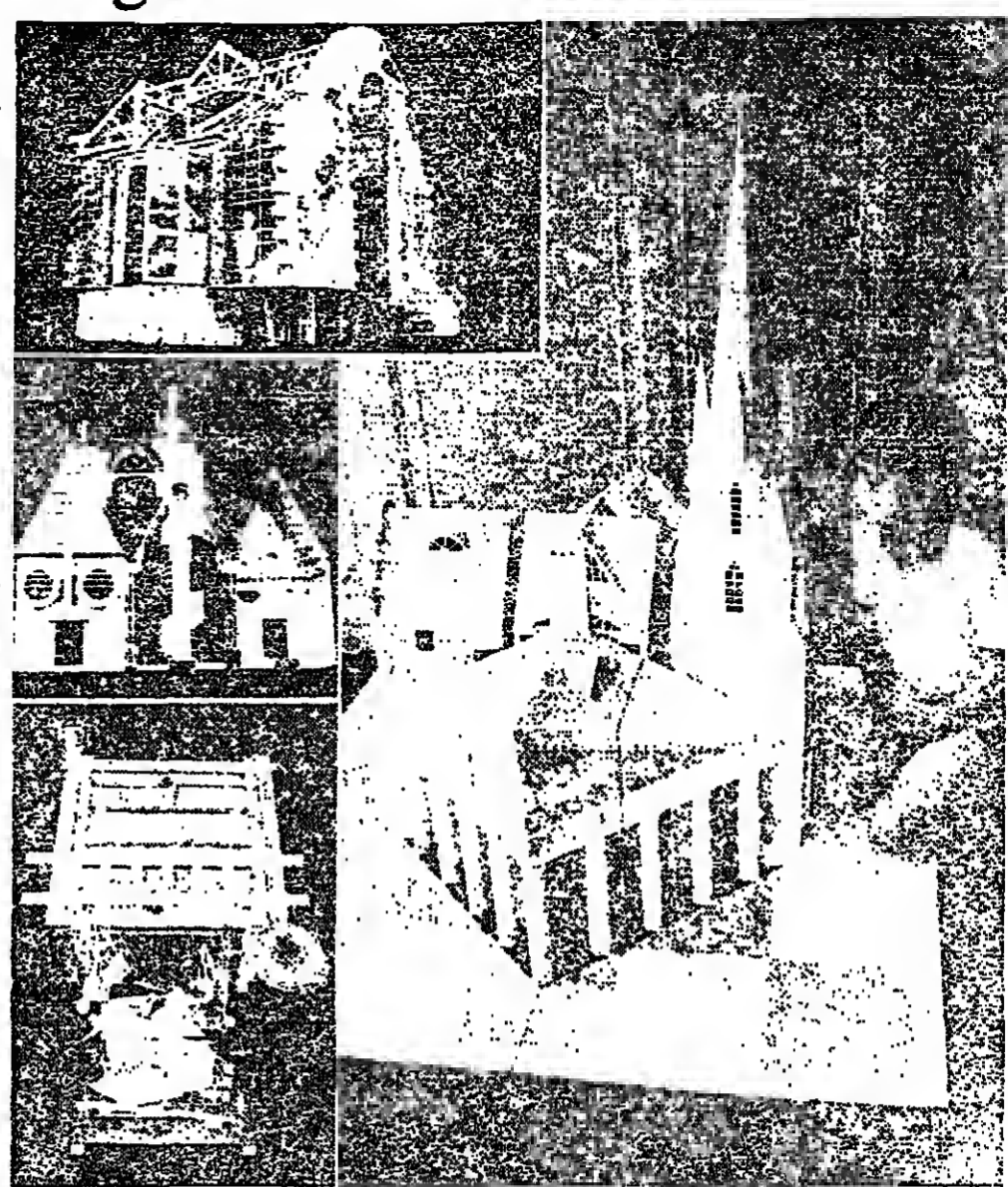
The finished entry, fascinating though it is, does not always convince that all the designers had children to mind. Some patterns are very sophisticated and transform the whole idea of the traditional dolls' house. They are in a tradition dating from the seventeenth century, when wealthy patrician ladies in Europe assembled their precious collections of miniatures in rooms with tiny, fashionable wallpaper, furniture and fixtures.

By the eighteenth century, the housing of such collections had progressed to little buildings based on fine mansions of the period; two of the most famous were originally sited: the doll house at Nostell Priory, near Wakefield, with furniture attributed to Chippendale design and the Baby House at Uppark, Sussex, made in about 1730.

During the Victorian period, dolls' houses assumed an even more domestic aspect. Realistic copies of actual dwellings, often done by estate carpenters, were lovingly furnished by ladies of the house with miniature watercolours, embroidered hangings, seat-point rugs and prettily dressed doll characters.

This century saw the creation of two marvelous dolls' houses. When his small daughter thought she saw a fairy (in Ireland of course) Sir Neville Wilkinson planned the amazing "Titania's Palace" at his home Ballynastagh. A veritable treasure house for its invisible fairy occupants, its public exhibition raised more than £80,000 for charity.

In 1922, the famous architect Sir Edwin Luydens designed a fine house which was equipped by all manner of English craftsmen as a gift to Queen Mary, complete in detail down to wine bottles in the cellar, books in the library and model



Small is beautiful: Dolls' houses by Thomas Nugent (right); (left, top to bottom) Maiia Ambrus; Adrian Grigoriu and Luminata Creanga; and Jane Blyth

Rolls-Royce in the garage. It is on display at Windsor.

Of the 70 architects asked to submit a model in the magazine competition, 63 did so and the results are exhibited at Sotheby's St George Street gallery from Monday.

There is no lack of originality: there is a mouse house, a house of cards, a space station, and many fine construction sets to build houses in styles ranging from Frank Lloyd Wright to rural.

The first prize was won by Michael Gold and Paul Willard for their golden crenellated castle; the second by Takefumi Aida with his peaceful paper-clad Japanese-style rooms; and

the third by the roomy, colourful, play house with pull-out garden sections of M. J. Long and Colin St John Wilson. Predictably, children choose none of those judged first by the adult panel. They loved the traditional "House by the Sea" of Charlotte Baden Powell, complete with tiny boats and cars. My own favourite (not even commended) is the kindergarten style house by Maarten Min from the Netherlands.

All the houses go up for sale at a special evening auction, at 8pm on September 6, and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Save the Children Fund. A fine catalogue, fully illustrated and carrying the archi-

tecs' opinions, is on sale at £9.95.

And what did little Alexandra make of all this? She liked the first prize-winner, an enchanted castle in which she could climb up to the roof with secret doll rooms on route and look through the "star holes". But it is too tall to fit into her father's flat: 7ft high with a flag!

Mary Hillier

EATING OUT

Savouring the flavour of the Thames

In keeping with this week's nautical themes, we report on two London venues with river-side aspects, a surprisingly elusive facility in our capital city.

GRANBY'S RESTAURANT. The Royal Horseguards Hotel, Whitehall Court, London SW1 (839 3400). Open daily 12.30pm-2.30pm and 5pm-10.30pm.

In the interests of honest journalism it should be stressed from the start that you can't actually see the river from the Granby Restaurant's terrace since it is hemmed in by a tall, voluminous hedge. Beyond that, the Embankment Gardens end, the Embankment itself put further distance between you and water. Nevertheless, it's an attractive spot for an al fresco lunch or leisurely snack (the terrace is shared by the hotel's Garden Lounge).

The Granby's main dining room is a leather-bound, book-lined facsimile study and though it is efficiently air-conditioned, they seem happy for diners to spill out on to the four or five terrace tables with their Marini umbrellas, and the waiters give no hint of complaint as they clamber through the narrow French windows to serve you. Don't expect to have the sweet trolley dragged out, however...

As an international hotel restaurant, Granby's has the usual culinary Esperanto - beef stroganoff (£6.90), chicken Kiev (£5.75) - but branches out interestingly with a short cuisine *à la carte* section. This includes an attractive sounding sole filets in cider (£9.25) and the seasonally epic salad Lisa (£3.50). This entails a pâté of avocado and cottage cheese, decorated with prawns, crab-meat and grapefruit on a nest of chicory leaves. While the appearance is rather monotonous, it is an agreeably lightweight lunch dish, and can be safely

preceded with a good, chilled cucumber soup (£1.20). Elsewhere the card offers a good value table d'hôte meal for £9.25. From this I enjoyed a creamy avocado and yoghurt mousse, and a firmly textured fillet of salmon trout with Hollandaise sauce. Other choices include smoked salmon paté and an escabepe Holslein.

For those without the time or the cash for such a formal meal, a larger area of the terrace is set aside for the service of club sandwiches (£2.35), salads (crunchy chicken £3.55) and afternoon teas (£3.25) or just ice-creams and cakes. With the foliage muting the rumble of the Charing Cross trains and the rush of the Embankment traffic, it is almost possible to hear the lapping of the Thames...

THE ANCHOR. 1 Bankside, London SE1 (407 1577). Open noon-2pm and 7-10pm Mon-Fri, 7-10pm Sat (restaurant); noon-2.30pm and 5.30pm (7pm Sat)-10.30pm Mon-Sat, noon-2pm and

6-10pm Sun (bar snacks). In the shadow of Southwark Bridge and, unfortunately, a large new building site, stands The Anchor, an eighteenth-century pub with seventeenth-century antecedents and Shakespearean connections - the original Globe theatre was nearby. Set a few yards back from the river, the pub's frontage is currently marred by the construction work ("this blasted hell"), and the splendid views across the Thames to St Paul's must be enjoyed from the confines of a small yard with picnic tables and incongruous beach umbrellas.

Nevertheless, the pub's interior is undeniably atmospheric - a maze of low-beamed rooms filled with "historical London" paraphernalia of varying degrees of credibility. Predictably, the Anchor is a popular stop-off on the tourist circuit, so be prepared to find it full of leisure-seekers rather than perky-coated Cockneys.

Stan Hey

FESTIVALS

Opera first for Rattle

For his third and final year as artistic director of the South Bank Summer Music Festival, which runs from August 14 to 28, Simon Rattle is concentrating on Janacek and Sibelius who he has admired since childhood.

Among the Janacek items is the first public performance in Britain of his opera, *Quad*, which Rattle describes as "an astonishingly beautiful work." It is being given in a concert version and will be sung in its original Czech. The singers include Eliene Hennen, Felicity Palmer and Dennis Bailey.

Running concurrently is a Folk Festival, which brings together leading singers and instrumentalists. South Bank Summer Music. Box office: Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (929 3191).

A fortnight of recitals, chamber, orchestral and theatrical works, new commissions and local artists highlights include Sian Phillips as the speaker in Enk Sattie's *Spors et Divarissementes*, with the Lontano Ensemble, and a piano recital by the 1982 Tchaikovsky prize winner, Peter Donohoe. LEEDS FOLK FESTIVAL. Tourist Information Centre, Central Library, Leeds (0532 462453). Sept 9-11. The singer and songwriter John Martyn tops the bill on Saturday afternoon and among other artists taking part in 10 concerts in the grounds of Temple Newsam House are Paul Brady, Country Joe McDonald, Neil Innes and George Farnie and the Blue Flames. Peter Waymark

HOLIDAYS IN THE SUN AT DOWN TO EARTH PRICES

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Peter Milne with the first of a two-part series on high-tech trends in yachting

Cybernetics take the helm by storm

1983 is an Admiral's Cup year and the year 100 of yet another series of challenges by the ever-hopeful to wrest the America's Cup from the clutches of the Americans...

The current gargantuan tussle for the Aud Mug - as the America's Cup was referred to by T. O. M. Sopwith, who challenged unsuccessfully during the 1930s - is fought on the designers' drawing boards...

Until a few years ago, both the racing yachtsman and the cruising enthusiast had to rely on little more than eye and hand to get the best out of his vessel...

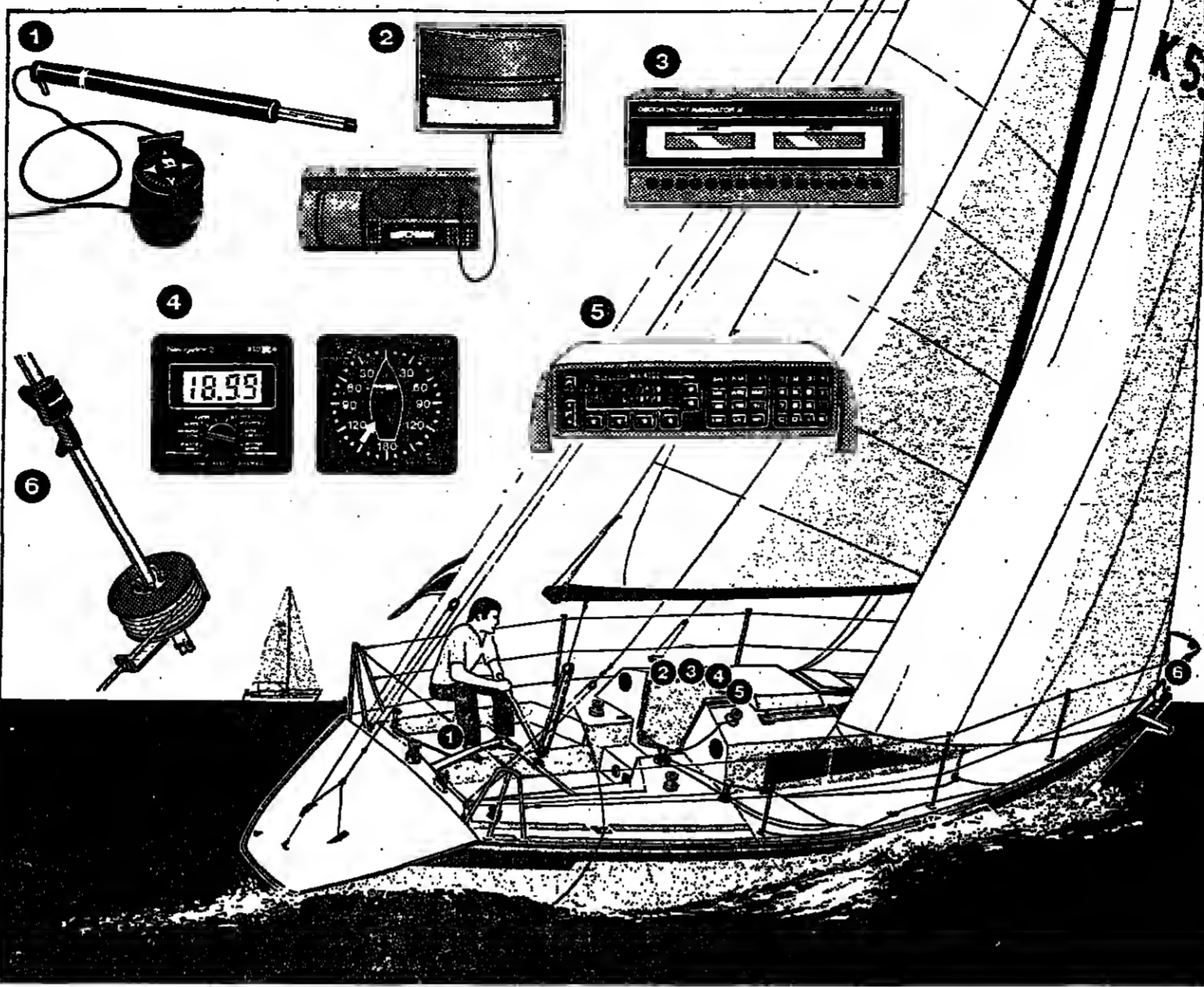
Glassfibre is now considered an almost "traditional" material for building yachts, yet laminating specifications and sub-structure design continue to be modified and improved...

More and more use is being made of hydraulics where carefully controlled adjustments have to be made to the rigging while it is under load...

winches and the anchor windlasses and take care of the steering. Sheet and control line handling winches have improved immensely during the past four years...

It is the sails which provide the motive power, and here the search for improvement is never-ending. The cloth manufacturers experiment constantly and advertise newly developed materials for which they claim improved stability or finish...

While the racing crew are always looking for something that will give their yacht an edge over the opposition, the cruising enthusiast sets considerable store by convenience. Furling headsails, which can just be rolled up like a window blind when not required, have been with us for many years...



The steady advance in the design and construction of the modern yacht is moving fast enough, yet it seems but a snail's pace compared with what amounts to an explosion in the field of marine electronics...

provides such basic information as distance run and speed through the water, wind speed and direction relative to the yacht and the depth of water under the keel...

Automatic pilot The short-handed or family yachtsman would probably agree that one of the most useful items to become available is the autopilot, which allows the yacht to sail a predetermined course...

of the drudgery uncomplainingly and let the crew - albeit keeping a good lookout - attend to other matters. Nautech of Portsmouth produce their Autohelm range of self-steering equipment...

Instant furling Rotostar head sail furling gear is produced by Rotomarine of Chichester. Prices start at £160, but the most sophisticated equipment for large ocean cruisers will cost up to £1,200.

Hand-held detector Relatively few small yachts carry radar (although Mars Marine of Slough have now launched one suitable for sailing yachts of 30ft or less)...

Position plotter The latest arrival on the position-fixing scene is the Decca Yacht Navigator II by Royal-Decca of New Malden. Costing just over £1,500, this is a highly accurate navigational aid for yachts sailing in north European waters.

Guiding chips Stowe Marine Equipment of Rowlands Castle make their Navigator 2 which at £171 is well within the pocket of most yachtsmen. Brookes & Gatehouse of Lymington also have a full range of high-quality instrumentation which can be interfaced with an on-board computer...

Tuning into satellites Great strides are being made in the field of satellite navigation. Properly used, this equipment is capable of fixing a yacht's position to within a couple of hundred metres. Where highly sophisticated equipment is required, the Magnavox MX 1262 supplied by S. G. Brown of Watford might well fill the bill...



English, Portuguese and Dutch "oriental" at Harrods

East is east and west is west and the twin meet today in Harrods central hall. In the annual exhibition of china and glass the most interesting displays are of English and European porcelain which reflect such a preoccupation with oriental design that they amount to a centuries-old love affair...

SHOPFRONT who make cachepots, dishes, vases, coffee cup sets, all decorated with typically Chinese flower and bird motifs. The cachepot illustrated costs £202.50. The second group of china with the white and blue design is reproduced in the 1920s by Spode from a Georgian silver design...

shown is £118. The third group is of china by Coalport, Royal Crown Derby and Spode and among these are two pieces commissioned by Harrods for the exhibition. The shapes have been based on designs from Spode's archives. The first is a china tea caddy first reproduced in the 1920s by Spode from a Georgian silver design...

Chinese porcelain and topped with a gilded dog. There are 25 of these and each costs £96. Western design is represented, too, and for those interested in glass there is a selection of familiar names - Lalique, Baccarat and Orrefors. There are also some beautiful modern bowls and decanters by Atlantis and a glass traditionally cut glass goblet which holds 2 1/2 pints (425). Not the sort of thing to down at a gulp and throw over your shoulder, even in this extraordinary summer. The exhibition continues until September 4.

Beryl Downing To preserve a taste of summer, jars with coloured spring clips cost £1.25 a half-litre, £1.35 one litre. Rumtopf jar £2.35. All at John Lewis

IN THE GARDEN

Wider variety of bulbs can bring longer-lasting colour

With gardens are now full of midsummer colour, it is time to start planning for next spring's bulb display. It is advisable to order early so one does not have to settle for second best. However, continue to maintain beds and borders by staking frequently and dead-heading plants to cut back on seed growth.

- Make sure bulbs are plump and not wrinkled or shrivelled. After buying, store carefully in a cool place until planting. Push your thumb well into the base of the bulb to ensure that it is firm and healthy; it is out always possible to discover this just by looking. I will discuss the above-mentioned bulbs in more detail in a subsequent article. Of the other possibilities, the alliums, or garlic, are excellent plants, which vary in height considerably according to variety. Allium giganteum is tall. The large drumstick-type inflorescence is rich mauve in colour and ideal in a border, where its 4ft high flowers can rise above small border plants. A flatunense has a lilac-purple appearance but will fit into the same situation as giganteum. A Molis is about 15in high and a good, strong yellow in colour.

colour. A cowanii is a pure white, A albopilosum is 2ft and outstanding when its blue flowers feature in a clump. Alliums flower from mid May until about the end of July. More spring colour can be found in the eremurus, commonly known as the foxtail lily or desert candle. Bought as a dry root, this plant will flourish in a normal garden soil in a good open site, but does not favour dry conditions. E robustus will reach 6ft and the candles are pale pink; E Bungai is smaller at 4ft with yellow flowers. I like the Sheldford Hybrids, which are vigorous and produce spikes ranging in colour from salmon pink to yellow and white. If you favour the exotic, try the fritillaries, whose nodding flowers come out quite early. F imperialis, the Crown Imperial, is available in a wide variety of colours. F i Aurora is bronzy orange, maxima lutea a golden yellow, maxima rubra an orange red. Under good conditions they will grow to 3ft and flower in April-May. Erythroniums could take their place in any garden. They need a well-drained site and a little shade. E Dens-canis or Dog's-tooth Violet is easy to establish in most gardens. It is pinky-purple when in flower and has a mottled leaf. E revolutum, White Beauty, with its white flowers and marked foliage, is a plant show off. E wuolunense with attractive deep-yellow flowers is also worth finding. These erythroniums reach about 6in tall and flower during April and May. Prices for all these bulbs vary considerably - fritillaries can be at least £2 each; eremurus will cost more and erythroniums are about £1 each, as are alliums.



Border beauty: (from left) erythronium revolutum, eremurus robustus, allium giganteum

astivum comes out in May and June. L Vernum reaches 6in and L aestivum 15in. These bulbs, which should never be allowed to dry out, will provide a good border display with their white nodding flowers showing up under the shade of shrubs. Prices for all these bulbs vary considerably - fritillaries can be at least £2 each; eremurus will cost more and erythroniums are about £1 each, as are alliums.

Although the snowflakes are closely related to Galanthus, the snowdrops, they are different plants. Leicopium vernum flowers in February about the same time as the snowdrops, while L. flowers is also worth finding. These erythroniums reach about 6in tall and flower during April and May. Prices for all these bulbs vary considerably - fritillaries can be at least £2 each; eremurus will cost more and erythroniums are about £1 each, as are alliums.

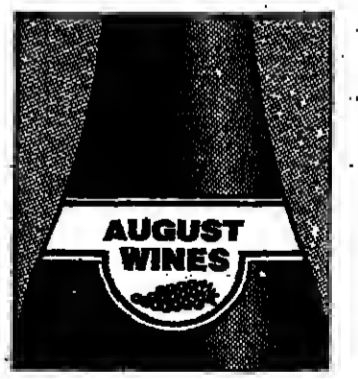
Ashley Stephenson

DRINK

Keeping a clear head with a white and soda

If ever there was a month that cried out for gallons of cool, white, gulping wine, one might expect August, our traditional holiday month, to be it (though after the hottest July for more than 300 years, we should not set our hopes too high). While others are drinking endless jugs of iced tea and coffee, smart wine-bibbers know that it is perfectly possible to drink wine all day long and still remain sober, if you cut every glass of house wine with equal quantities of soda water and ice cubes. What little alcohol does get through will give you a lift, when everyone else is getting hot and bothered.

Germany, because of its northerly climate, is another good source of wines which are low in alcohol. The Mosels, in particular, rarely go above 9° Oechsle, have always had one of the best ranges of German wines in the High Street, and I was very impressed recently with the refreshing, green, mouthwatering character of their '83 Reiler vom Heissen Stein Kabinett from Drathen. It ought to go down well with everyone (£2.69). Of course, August is by no means a month for white wines only. The glorious twelfth brings the first of the new season's grapes, and those lucky enough to be eating this bird in August will want some good red wine to go with it. I think burgundy is the best partner for



Another light, dry white that can sit in the refrigerator for hours and not come to any great harm is Muscadet. Although this appellation controls will never be in the top tier, there are some good examples around. Pierre Lussaud for instance, has been one of the most worthwhile wine-makers in the region, and his '82 Chateau de la Galignonniere (Peter Dominic, £3.10) is one of the best vintages he has ever made. This bone-dry, lively, lemony wine, with a good depth of flavour, is actually a Muscadet de Sevre et Maine, which means that it comes from the heart of the region where the finest wines are produced. It goes well with oysters, and seafood.

grapes, and one of the cheapest and most agreeable red burgundies around is Louis Jadot's '78 Bourgogne Rouge. Reserve des Jacobins, which has had its price dramatically reduced. This plummy, pale garnet wine is a classic Pinot Noir and has a lovely rich, warm, almost liquorice-like taste that you could easily pay twice the price for (Oodhins, £3.79; Cellens, £3.50; The Market and Le Provencal shops, £3.75). Alternatively, if you prefer a less gassy wine with game, you might like to try a new Vin de Pays de l'Aude that I tried the other day. This is the '81 Fozcaien, made from the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, which has a lovely grassy smell, deep purple colour and fresh ripe taste. (Waitrose £2.15, La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Rd, SW7 £2.55).

Jane MacQuitty

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Free - Ron Blom's Bulb Book advertisement with image of the book cover.

Cyclamen One of the most popular house plants is the cyclamen, which is not expensive to buy and, as long as it is given the right conditions, will be as good, if not better, for a number of years. Now is the time to look at the cyclamen which have been dried off in the greenhouse. They should have been turned on their sides and by now will be quite dry. Gently remove the dry dead foliage attached to the crown of the corm. Knock out the pot, and make sure there is no sign of rot. Gently ease the soil away from the root of the plant, making sure you do not damage them.



Design showcase: Barnsley House near Cirencester

Greenhouses As I mentioned last week, greenhouse temperatures are difficult to control when the temperature outside is in the 70s or 80s. During the day, get as much ventilation as possible: open the vents, open the doors, take out one or two panes of glass to get a better through draught. Damp down in the house whenever possible. Shade is also important. I do not like the shades which are applied to the outside of the glass. Better to cover young plants with sheets of paper during the day when the sun is out, and take off at night. Muslin overhead is also good. Now we are into August, plants such as Chorophytum and a few of the ferns can be divided. The young plants are potted up into 3in pots and will grow away happily. Continue to feed where necessary plants which still have to make growth, for example, primula of different kinds. Sow Primula obconica, schizanthus and cyclamen for later flowering. Tomatoes, cucumbers and so on still require feeding.



Earlier this year, in the course of an otherwise savagely critical article on the Chelsea Flower Show, Sir Roy Strong, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, singled out for praise the garden sculpture of Simon Verity and what he saw as the revival of a dead art through a modern idiom. Rosemary Verity, creator of the garden at Barnsley House in Gloucestershire, responded by importing three works by Verity and allowing him use of her orchard as a showcase. Such action is symptomatic of Rosemary Verity's approach to garden design; she picks the best from each century and weaves each element into her wonderful eclectic garden. Rosemary Verity's feeling for design comes from sixteenth and seventeenth-century gardening books, and her feeling for plants and planting from favourites such as Gertrude Jekyll, Vita Sackville-West and Graham Stuart Thomas. From Russell Page she learned about the use of vistas and employed this knowledge when creating the broad herbaceous border which leads to a small classical temple.

Michael Young Barnsley House is four miles north-east of Cirencester on the A433 Burford Road. Open every Wed, 10am-5pm. Admission 70p, children free.

Michael Young

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PREVIEW Films

Fassbinder's strange last bow beneath an orange sun

Rainer Werner Fassbinder, the wunderkind of Germany's revitalized cinema, was never the kind of artist to make a dignified, autumnal exit. He was found dead, aged 36, in a Munich apartment in June last year, dosed - by accident or design? - with cocaine and sleeping pills.

His final film, Querelle, unveiled at the Venice festival last August, has met, moreover, with fiercely divided reactions. Directors as varied as Marcel Carné and Jean-Luc Godard have said kind things (including "a masterpiece"), many critics have snorted with ridicule or lamented Fassbinder's tumble into camp, pretentious pantomime.

Given the style and subject, controversy over Querelle was unavoidable. The source material is Jean Genet's novel Querelle de Brest, written in 1947, which treats the author's

perennial world of homosexual love, murder and theft with his usual unfettered detail and lyrical passion. Fassbinder declared an interest in filming the book as early as 1968, when his own career was just taking off. By the time the project became a reality, he had clear ideas about the style of treatment.



By the neck: Jeanne Moreau and Brad Davis (top) in Fassbinder's Querelle; bottom, Isabelle Huppert and Kris Kristofferson in Michael Cimino's massive Heaven's Gate

Genre professional with the golden touch

Howard Hawks, who died in 1977, was a hard-nosed Hollywood director who regarded making films as just another job and was the last to claim any artistic pretension. Yet artist he was, not in the Ingmar Bergman sense of using his work to express a deep personal vision but in his ability to take and enrich popular forms and leave his stamp upon them.

Nearly all Hawks's films were genre pictures: they just happened to be among the best of their type. Think of the gangster film end you think of Scarface, the war film and Sergeant York, the screwball comedy and Bringing Up Baby, and has there ever been as good a private eye thriller as The Big Sleep?

Heaven's Gate to be reopened

When Michael Cimino's Heaven's Gate first appeared in London in September, 1981, it was difficult to see the film itself for the obscuring jungle of bad publicity that had built up since the first New York screenings in November the previous year.

doubt made worse by the truncated print (205 minutes had been cut to 149). Above all, we were prey to the temptation to join in America's playful delight at a Hollywood whizkid falling on his face after his previous film, The Deer Hunter, had scooped five Oscars.

Critics' choice

DIAL M FOR MURDER (PG) ICA Cinema, The Mall (930 3647) until Sept 7 (closed Mon). Seen without the original 3D effects, Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film of Frederick Knott's cozily conventional thriller is a fusty piece of cinema. The 3D version (never before released in Britain) transforms the film into an absorbing, audacious game with objects, people and space. Ray Milland plays the tennis pro with murderous intentions towards his wife (Grace Kelly). Also featured: a pair of scissors, various lachrymoids and, of course, a telephone.

Critics' choice

Edinburgh Filmhouse (031 228 2688) Aug 6-10. Ingmar Bergman's amazing evocation of life, joys and terrors, staged with exceptional opulence, beauty and lightness of touch. Traditional Bergman themes are deftly woven into the mixed fortunes of a Swedish family early in the century. Masterful, loving performances.

Critics' choice

JACQUES FEYDER SEASON National Film Theatre (928 3232) until Aug 21. This week sees the best of the NFT's important season resurrecting the films of Feyder, an eclectic, curious talent best known for La Kermesse Héroïque (7). The Foreign Legion drama La Grand Jeu (Tues) is perhaps the most fully satisfying, but there are also wonders galore in the silent films Gribiche (today and tomorrow) and

Critics' choice

Visages d'Enfants (tomorrow), and the bizarre comedy-drama of maternal love Pension Mimosas (Tues). All films feature extensive, eloquent location shooting, extraordinary decor and fresh performances.

Critics' choice

THE KING OF COMEDY (PG) Cincinota, Panton Street (930 0631). Gate, Mayfair (493 0691). Screen on the Hill (428 3366). A comedy only on the surface: deep down, Martin Scorsese's striking film offers a bleak, low-key examination of desperate people trapped in fantasies. Jerry Lewis gives a remarkable, soul performance as a TV star kidnapped by an ambitious fan; Robert De Niro and newcomer Sandra Bernhard are hardly less impressive.

PREVIEW Galleries

Critics' choice

ARTISTS OF THE TUDOR COURT Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371). Until Nov 6, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5.15pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm. It is many years since a major exhibition of classic English portrait miniatures took place in London, and meanwhile there have been many changes of critical emphasis and a lot of new scholarship, also, the history and iconography of the Tudor portrait are one of V & A director Sir Roy Strong's specialities. So the present show is both timely and a labour of love: The famous figures, such as Hilliard and Oliver, are present in force, but the show has its discoveries as well, such as a female miniature, Levina Teerlinc, who would seem to have taught Hilliard.

Critics' choice

CYCLADIC ART British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (638 1555). Until Sept 18, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Selected from the Greek private collection of N.P. Goulandris, this series of typical small marble figurines in strongly simplified forms which recall the sculpture of Minoan art is supported by a selection of pots and metalwork to give an overall picture of this prehistoric Aegean civilization.

Critics' choice

THAT'S SHELL - THAT IS! Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (638 4141). Until Sept 4, Tues-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun noon-6pm. Shell Oil's enterprising patronage of the arts reached its climax in the 1930s with the famous series of advertising posters by leading artists such as Sutherland, Paul Nash, Piper and Ben Nicholson. The show covers the whole range from about 1907 up to the artwork for the 1954 calendar. Also at the Barbican, Peter Phillips Retrospective, a touring retrospective which includes more recent works from an artist who emerged with the Pop Art movement.

Critics' choice

MASQUERADE Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (600 3699). Until Oct 2, Tues-Sat 10am-6pm. Exhibition recreating the look, sound and atmosphere of the eighteenth-century London pleasure-grounds which, for a generation or two, were an obsession with Londoners and indeed with city-dwellers all over Europe. Paints, graphics, memorabilia and the music that went with them all pay tribute to the vitality of popular entertainment at the time, most effectively by making it popular entertainment for today as well.

Critics' choice

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 3471). Until Aug 28, daily 10am-6pm. Admission £2, £1. Mon: 50p for all. One of the most popular events in the art world, 1,453 exhibits, so there should be plenty of talking points.

Critics' choice

PHOTOGRAPHY detached and meaningless. The very starkness and simplicity of the memorials make the futility of war all the more evident. Also on show here is A Tribute to Henry Moore by Errol Jackson who, over the past 22 years, has made some 15,000 photographs of the sculptor.

Critics' choice

DAVID HOCKNEY'S PHOTOGRAPHS Kneidler Kasum, 22 Cork Street, London W1 (439 1096). Until end of Aug, Mon-Fri 10am-6.30pm (Thurs to 8pm) For 18 months David Hockney has been making an assault on the monocular vision of contemporary photography. Each large finished piece in this exhibition is constructed from hundreds of 6in x 4in colour prints through which he has deliberately attempted to convey time and space in a way similar to the cubist painters by giving a multiple view of a single subject seen over a period of time.

Critics' choice

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WILLIAM EGGLESTON Victoria and Albert Museum, Henry Cole Wing, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371). Until Sept 18, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. Colour photographs from the American South by William Eggleston, who is considered an authentic witness of the subject. Photographs on show are dye-transfer prints which give an added intensity of colour; however a snapshot feeling does prevail.

PHOTOGRAPHY

PEOPLE IN POLITICS Stock Exchange, Visitors' Gallery, Threadneedle Street, London EC2. Until Sept 2, Mon-Fri, 9.45am-3.15pm. A photographic record by the Financial Times of the path to Westminster trod by victors and vanquished alike.

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PREVIEW Music

Opera

JANACEK'S POHADKA Today, 11 am, Lounge Hall, Harrogate (0423 65757). Amcon Award winner Lowri Blaka plays Janacek's Pohadka, Martinu's Slovak Variations, and cello sonatas by Beethoven (Op 5 No 1) and Brahms (Op 99).

Opera

TEEMING SONATAS Tomorrow, 3 pm, Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (930 3647). Tuba player John White has written over 100 piano sonatas, but Yvar Mikashoff plays only a selection.

Opera

FOUR SEASONS Tomorrow, 3 pm, Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 71010). Meanwhile, in Buxton, Anthony Hove conducts the Manchester Camerata in Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Schubert's Symphony No 5 and two agreeable rarities, Couperin's Petite Symphonie and Suppé's Boccaccio Overture.

Opera

TRIPLE DUO Tomorrow, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall, London SW7 (589 8212). John Carewe conducts the Fires of London in Peter Maxwell Davies's Revelation and Falling and the European premiere of Elliott Carter's Triple Duo, a BBC commission. Then Davies conducts them in his lurid arrangement of Sandy Wilson's Boy Friend music and in Philip Grange's Cimmerian Nocturne.

Opera

ON TALLIS Tomorrow, 7.30 pm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (628 8795, credit cards 638 8891). André Bernard conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis. Also on the programme are Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 (soloist, Jack Rothstein), Beethoven's Leonora Overture No 3 and Symphony No 5.

Opera

LE MIDI Mon, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall, Two little heard symphonies, Haydn's "Le Midi" and Dvořák's No 5, are points of interest in this Prom. Oleg Kagan solos in

Opera

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, and Eliahu Inbal conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

Opera

LE BESTIAIRE Mon, 11 am, Lounge Hall, Harrogate. Marilyn de Bieck, winner of a Benson & Hedges prize, sings Poulenc's Le Bestiaire, three Madonnas and Child songs by Wolf, four Last Songs by Vaughan Williams, five English Canzonets by Haydn. The pianist is Kelvin Groub.

Opera

CLOCKS, CLOUDS Tues, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall. Ligeti's amusing Clocks and Clouds is the only thing to come between Bartók's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste and Shostakovich's Symphony No 14. The London Sinfonietta is conducted by Elgar Howarth.

Opera

PARROT'S HANDS Tues, 8 pm, Ripon Cathedral, Harrogate (0423 6757). On the organ of Ripon Cathedral Janifer Bate gives the world premiere of Parrot's Hands Across the Years. She also plays her own

Opera

Norwegian Barcarolle and Toccata on a Theme of Martin Shaw, Messiaen's Transports de Joie, Liszt's Fantasia and Fugue on B-A-C-H.

Opera

PIANO AND VIOLIN Wed and Thurs, 7.30 pm, Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey (0483 504455). Nigel Kennedy performs Bach's G Minor Partita for solo violin, then Peter Pattinger, the pianist, joins him for Ravel's Sonata and Brahms's Sonata Op 108. In a concluding outburst of frivolity they play Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy.

Opera

IVC POGORELICH Wed, 8 pm, Conference Centre, Harrogate (0423 65757). Ivo Pogorelich, sensational non-winner of the 1980 Warsaw Chopin Competition, plays Bach's English Suite No 2 and Brahms's Capriccio No 2 Op 76, Chopin's Ballade No 3 and Sonata No 3, Balakirev's Islamey and Ravel's Alborada del Gracioso. All are likely to receive controversial readings.

Opera

ROSTROPOVICH FESTIVAL Thurs, 7.30 pm, The Maltings, Ipswich (077 895 2543). On the first night of the Festival of Rostropovich Festival the great cellist conducts the Britten-Pears Orchestra in Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony, Britten's "Simple" Symphony, and solos in Haydn's C Major Concerto.

Opera

BASSOONS Thurs, 7.30 pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3181, credit cards 928 5844). Gavin McNaughton solos in Weber's charming but seldom heard Bassoon Concerto and

Opera

Ashley Lawrence conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra in the day's second performance of Prokofiev's "Classical" Symphony. They also play Sir Lennox Berkeley's Overture for Light Orchestra and Beethoven's Leonora Overture No 3.

Opera

DAVIES PREMIERE Fri, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall. The world premiere is given of Peter Maxwell Davies's Sinfonia Concertante by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Martinu, who also performs Britten's Les Illuminations with Anthony Rolfs Johnson. Fore and aft: Mozart's "Paris" Symphony and Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony.

Opera

BOSS! Fri, 8 pm, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Gillian Weir plays Bossi's Etude Symphonique, Heller's Tanz-toccata, Mendelssohn's Vater unser Variations, Bruch's Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland Parthe, and Franck's Choralia No 1.

Rock & Jazz

STEVE ROSS Tonight, Mon to Sat and Aug 14-22, Pizzeria on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (235 5569). Another step in Peter Bozot's campaign to make his elegant pizza cellar on Hyde Park Corner into a haven for the kind of performers who inhabit the more civilized saloons and piano bars of midtown Manhattan. Steve Ross is the resident singer and pianist at the Algonquin Hotel's legendary Oak Room; he brings with him a repertoire drawn from Porter, the Gershwins, Sonheim and other Broadway masters.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 723.0 down 0.6 FT Gilt: 79.03 down 0.16 FT All Share: 450.87 down 2.11

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.4855 down 20pts Index 84.3 up 0.3 DM 3.9875 up 0.0125

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rate 9 1/2% Finance houses base rate 10 Discount market loans week fixed 8 1/2%

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$409 pm \$409.75 close \$410.75-411.50

NOTEBOOK

Rubber prices have bounced up over the last six months, after two years of depression. If they continue at the present rate they could, within weeks, reach the point at which the rubber buffer stock manager must sell. How will the market react?

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Longton Industrial Holdings Year to 31.3.83. Pretax loss £185,000 (loss £136,000)

Exports boost by former BA subsidiary STC celebrates independence by doubling interim profits to £42m

Standard Telephone and Cables, the electronics group, celebrated the independence it won from IIT last year by revealing yesterday that interim pretax profits leapt to £42.4m from £26.4m.



Corfield: Exports rose by 90 per cent

Exports to eastern Europe up 16%

British exports to eastern Europe are increasing twice as fast this year as sales to the world as a whole.

US jobless rate in sharp fall to 9.5%

The United States unemployment rate fell to 9.5 per cent in July as nearly 500,000 Americans found jobs, the Labour Department reported here.

International Signal buoyant

First-quarter results of International Signal and Control Group are ahead of budget, yet most of the financial year's profits will be made in the second half, it was said at yesterday's annual meeting.

Dow starts to recover

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday, after recovering part of their heavy loss.

Table: What Britain sells and buys from the Soviet Union (1982). Columns: UK exports, UK imports, Total.

Big profits recovery for McLeod

McLeod Russell, the plantations company, yesterday announced a big recovery in profits.

Waddington attack renewed by BPCC

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing and Communications Corporation, yesterday launched a fresh attack on the management record of John Waddington, for which his group is bidding £18.2m.

USM group to clinch £3m catering deal Brookes poised for Piccadilly

Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant-owning group, is poised to win the catering rights for the Trocadero development in London's Piccadilly Circus.

business and the addition of the Genevieve chain of restaurants.

The Mario Franco restaurant chain, which was losing money heavily when the group bought it 18 months ago for £1.25m, is now trading profitably and is to expand the number of outlets.

City Editor's Comment The long, hard road to Wytch Farm

If Mrs Thatcher's first four years taught this Government anything about privatization, it was surely that converting simple manifesto promises into reality is a terribly frustrating, time-consuming and complicated business.

Phoenix trims losses

Phoenix Timber has announced full year pretax losses of £995,000 compared with £1.2m loss a year ago.

MERCURY MONEY MARKET TRUST LIMITED. OFFER FOR SUBSCRIPTION OF PARTICIPATING SHARES. Shareholders of Mercury Money Market Trust Limited have approved resolutions enabling the Company to issue different classes of shares in each of the currencies in the box below:

Unit trust performance

These tables show the value on August 1 of £100 worth of units invested 12 months and three years ago - net income reinvested and based on an offer-to-offer basis. Figures supplied by Planned Savings Statistics.

FINANCIAL		M&G G&F Int In		Hill Samuel Capt		12mths 36mths		Arbuthnot Yld		12mths 36mths		Equitas		12mths 36mths		12mths 36mths		12mths 36mths	
Nat West Fin	164.2	191.0	116.0	145.3	175.6	140.3	135.5	140.3	135.5	116.6	125.1	138.4	169.4	207.1	138.4	169.4	207.1	138.4	169.4
J Finlay Inv Trst	163.6	193.0	115.5	145.0	178.6	140.0	161.9	140.0	161.9	111.9	121.9	138.0	196.8	205.0	138.0	196.8	205.0	138.0	196.8
S&P Invest Trst U	159.7	190.1	114.7	144.0	157.5	140.0	160.7	140.0	160.7	210.0	273.2	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Practical	154.4	187.4	114.7	142.1	184.4	139.9	193.4	139.9	193.4	195.8	321.7	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
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Brit Fin Secs	154.2	177.7	115.3	140.9	173.9	139.6	171.0	139.6	171.0	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Brit Inv Trst	153.9	189.3	114.8	140.7	167.2	139.1	164.1	139.1	164.1	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
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Brown Ship Fin	134.1	141.3	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
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Arbuthnot Cap Gr	126.1	159.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Canlife G & F In	125.0	157.0	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
GRE Gilt & F Int	124.9	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Abbey Worldw Bd	123.7	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Frimlgn Conv & G	123.6	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
E & L G Fin	123.3	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Allid Ham G Gth	122.1	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Arbuthnot Pref Sh	121.4	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Prolife G Cap	120.5	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Henderson Prf & G	119.4	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Henderson G	119.2	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Fidelity G & F In	118.6	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Arbuthnot Fin & P	118.6	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Mercury Gilt	118.4	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Brianna Pref Sh	118.0	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Barrington Gt Yld	118.0	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Gartmore Gilt	118.0	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Target Gilt Capital	117.4	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Hill Sam G&F Gth	117.4	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Hid Bk G&F Int	117.3	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Nelstar G&F Int	117.2	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
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Henderson F Int	116.9	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Brianna Gilt	116.5	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Allid Hbro Gvt Sec	116.3	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Cater Allen Gilt	116.1	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4
Rowan High Int	116.0	154.9	110.0	139.2	170.7	138.5	192.5	138.5	192.5	189.2	283.3	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4	204.6	137.7	173.4

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Markets abroad

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Varsity premiums

Investing
Unit trusts
soar in
Australia

It was stock markets on the other side of the world which put up the best performance last month. The Australian Metals & Minerals index ended July 11.3 per cent higher, slightly ahead of the rise recorded by the All Ordinary Index. Reflecting this jump, all but one of the industry's unit trusts specialising in Australia scored an offer price gain of 10 per cent or more.

Leading the contingent was Lawson Australian and Pacific with a rise of 18.3 per cent, some 2 per cent ahead of Gartmore Australian, which had previously been one of the back markers in this year's overall league table.

Much of the recent rise in Australian share prices has been attributed to renewed overseas interest in the stock market there. Investors are anticipating that the world economic recovery will mean increased demand for the country's natural resources. Another positive factor has been the Australian Bureau of Agriculture's forecast of a major recovery in the rural sector, which has suffered badly from recent droughts.

Still overhauling the Australian metals and minerals sector is the prospect of the new Labour Government's proposed resources tax.

Buckmaster & Moore, stock-brokers, have warned their private clients against underestimating what the administration may have in mind. "While the Labour Government of Mr Hawke is demonstrating a much more pragmatic approach in business than was the case in Gough Whitlam's day, the administration, mindful of the yawning budget deficit, will want to exact its pound of flesh. Gold mining companies, which in the past have escaped the tax net, could prove quite hard hit."

Another market to put up a strong performance last month was Hongkong's. The Hang Seng index notched up an 11.2 per cent gain on bullish expectations of the outcome of the recent talks between the British and Chinese governments on the political future of the colony. A cut in local interest rates also helped sentiment. Britannia Hong Kong Performance mirrored this renewed optimism with an 11.6 per cent offer price rise, and Gartmore Hong Kong was 11 per cent higher.

Closer to home, Wall Street recorded a new peak last month. Although Wall Street did not hold its best levels, several US invested funds managed some useful gains helped by the continuing strong performance of the dollar. Lyndall North American outpaced its rivals in July with a 9.9 per cent increase.

Present value of £100 invested over 7 months to August 1

1. Oppenheimer Intl Growth	170.0
2. GT European	167.8
3. Mercury American Grth	162.6
4. FFI & Target Small Cos	157.3
5. Henderson European	154.8
6. Abbey Japan	154.0
7. Aikhen Home Envy & Res	153.0
8. New Court America	151.5
9. Target Energy	150.8
10. Target US Special Bond	149.8

Source: Planned Savings Magazine

Higher threshold

The minimum balance for new investments in Leamington Spa's Lion Share account has been increased from £500 to £1,000. Interest is paid annually at a variable rate of 8.75 per cent net, equivalent to 12.5 per cent gross for basic rate taxpayers. Withdrawal is subject to 30 days' written notice without penalty or is available on request with 30 days' loss of interest.

Aiming for youth

In an attempt to woo young savers, Barclays Bank has launched a Super Savers account. When savers open an account with £1 they receive a money manager pack containing membership card, pens, note-pad, ruler, record book, paying in book and a leaflet explaining how to make the most of savings.

The savers also receive a colour magazine three times a year with competitions and special offers. But the interest rate, however, is the normal bank deposit rate of 6 per cent—ordinary share accounts with the building society offer 7.25 per cent, and extra interest accounts, 8.25 per cent.

High interest share

Argyle Building Society has issued a new high interest income share offering 1.5 per cent above the society's normal investment share rate. At present this amounts to 9.1 per cent per annum.

equipment to 13 per cent gross for a basic rate taxpayer and is paid on the last working day of each month direct into the investor's bank account. Minimum withdrawals of £500 can be made with no loss of interest subject to 80 days' notice. The minimum investment is £5,000 and the maximum £50,000 or £50,000 for joint holdings.

Claim form change

Guardian Royal Exchange has revised its motor claims form to assist for policyholders who wish to report an accident for information only. The new form includes notes in red to help the policyholder, and GRE points out that the completion of the claim form, for information only, does not affect your no-claims bonus.

The changes have been made as a result of representations made by The Insurance Ombudsman, who has been faced with an increasing number of complaints about insurers settling third party claims without consulting their policyholders. This results in a reduction of no-claims bonus.

Jobs abroad guide

With work difficult to find, more and more people seem to be looking overseas if the number of guides on the subject is any indication. Yet another booklet on the problems of working abroad comes from the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Employment Abroad—A Guide to the Tax Problems is a general guide to the tax difficulties which are likely to be faced by a British executive embarking on a tour of duty in a foreign country.

Among the topics covered are: settling up at home, becoming a non-resident, British tax liability and double taxation, planning for the family and returning home.

The booklet, written by Mr David Ross, is available from the Publications Department, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, PO Box 483, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2P 2BJ. It costs £2.50.

Signal action

Mr John Potter, coordinator of the Signal Life Investors Action Group which represents the interests of those unfortunate investors who lost money in the collapse of Signal Life, has been talking to Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs.

"The Minister is very concerned about the Signal affair and is encouraging us to proceed with our test cases against the intermediaries who sold these bonds", Mr Potter said.

Next landmark in the Signal affair is the meeting of the Committee of Inspection on Thursday at the offices of the liquidator, Mr Gerry Weiss, of Cork Gully. Mr Potter will be representing the interests of investors at the meeting.



Car repair cover

Car repair bills can be a headache—particularly since they tend to be unexpected and unbudgeted for.

The Automobile Association has an interesting new insurance package which gives cover for replacement parts costing more than £75.

Available only to drivers who insure with the AA, Autoparts Plan will cover unexpected repairs to engine, gearbox, suspension, brakes or steering. Planned

expenses such as routine servicing and replacement of tyres, brake pads and exhaust systems are not covered. Cars eligible are those up to four years old with up to 50,000 miles on the clock. Cover costs £45 a year for vehicles up to 1750cc, and £79 a year for larger capacity cars. Up to 30,000 miles the policy pays 100 per cent of the total bill, between 30,000 and 50,000 miles 80 per cent.

Crown Life bond

There is a lot to be said for certainty, and guaranteed income bonds offer a fixed income over a given period. Latest available from Crown Life is a four-year bond paying 8.75 per cent net of basic rate tax. Minimum investment is £1,000 and capital is returnable in full at the end of the four-year term. There are no age restrictions.

Wealth warning

Sunderland and Shields Building Society is offering 1.75 per cent above the ordinary share rate on its new two-year term shares available from September 1. At current interest rates, this amounts to 9 per cent net, equivalent to 12.86 per cent gross for basic rate taxpayers. But be warned, if you want to get your money out, you will have to give three months' notice and lose three months' interest.

Gift ceiling

Andiose to encourage small savers to invest in gilts, National Savings has increased the maximum daily purchase of gilts listed on the National Savings Stock Register. From September 1, anyone holding stock on the National Savings Stock Register will be able to invest up to £10,000 in any particular stock on any day. The existing limit is £5,000.

Cheltenham success

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has had such a good response to its Cheltenham Gold Account, paying 8.25 per cent, no strings attached for investments of £1,000 or more, that it has been able to carry on lending—not only to existing members but also to non-members.

"Not only have we been able to offer mortgages to our existing savers and borrowers, with a minimum of delay, but we have also helped many non-members through our branch network and through allocations made to housebuilders throughout the country. On present trends we anticipate we will be able to maintain a high level of lending in the months ahead," confirms C & G's managing director Mr Andrew Longhurst. If you are having trouble getting a mortgage, Cheltenham & Gloucester branches might be worth a try.

Insurance

Covering the student risk



Certain categories of people are considered bad risks as far as the insurance world is concerned—journalists, deep sea divers and actors are all viewed with a jaundiced eye. High on this list come students who are believed by the industry to be prone to book-keeping accidents, personal mishaps generally, and not least of all, a high incidence of loss of personal belongings.

As a result, students often have difficulty getting insurance cover. Barclays Bank has just come up with a new insurance package as part of its Student Survival Kit, but it looks expensive compared with the two main alternatives on the market. It is only available to students opening an account with Barclays.

The table shows cover offered by the three main contenders in this field. Barclays premium of £25.50 per annum is the highest by a long way though there is a £6 discount on the first half-yearly instalment and the premium thereafter is fixed at £25.50 for the duration of the student's course.

Endsleigh (the student insurance broker) seems to offer the best package unless you happen to live in central London, Liverpool or Manchester, when the Harrison Beaumont policy will work out slightly cheaper. Endsleigh charges £12.50 a year for anyone living in college halls of residence, £15 a year for those living in digs or in the GLC area and £20 a year for those living in central London, Liverpool or Manchester. It also stipulates the smallest excess—that is the amount of any claim you have to pay out of your own pocket.

On the other hand, for £17 a year, Harrison Beaumont offers higher personal belongings cover at £1,750 than the other two and could be a better bet for the student with a lot of expensive hi-fi equipment, cameras and the like.

All three policies give cover when the student is at home during the holidays, for belongings in transit, and for foreign travel in Europe for up to 60 days a year. But students going abroad will need extra in-

hold policies). There is also no exclusion for "multiple occupancy tenancies". A lot of students have been caught out in the past with general household policies which do not

pay up if the accommodation is shared with friends.

Endsleigh looks the best bet all round and has a couple of useful additional features—cover for misuse of credit cards and £500 cover if the student incurs additional expenses (such as extra rent) as a result of an accident.

Theft can be a real problem among students when flats are shared and large parties where the guests are not always known to the host are commonplace. Insurance is a must.

Barclays insurance is available through any branch of the bank when you open an account. Endsleigh has several branches: one in the Old Brompton Road, South Kensington, and another in Southampton Row—both London. Its head office telephone is 0242 36151. Harrison Beaumont is at 69b High Street, Witney, Oxford. Telephone 0993 3251.

STUDENT PERSONAL BELONGINGS INSURANCE

	Endsleigh	Harrison Beaumont	Barclays
Personal belongings cover	£1,250	£1,750	£1,500
Single item limit	£200*	£300*	£200
Personal liability	£500,000	£500,000	£500,000
Personal accident	£5,000	£1,500	£1,000
Damage to college/landlord's property	£1,000	optional extra	£1,000
Excess	£10	£20 GLC area, £10 elsewhere	£20 GLC area, £10 elsewhere
Bicycle	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
PREMIUM	£12.50 to £28	£17	£25.50

*Endsleigh limit £200 unless specified. Harrison Beaumont: items between £100 and £300 must be specified.

Poor deal for youngsters

Midland Bank is the latest to bring out a children's savings scheme—but like Barclays' plan, launched this week, the rate of interest is unattractive.

Both are paying the normal deposit rate of only 6 per cent so children will do better to put their money in a building society paying as much as 9 per

cent for regular savings.

Midland is offering £1 tokens to young savers who purchase a Back-to-School Helix set from Boots, W H Smith, Asda and other stores. If these are used to open an account with Midland, and matched with a cash deposit, the bank will honour the tokens up to the value of £5.

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C. Hoare & Co	9 1/2 %
Lloyds Bank	9 1/2 %
Midland Bank	9 1/2 %
Nat Westminster	9 1/2 %
TSB	9 1/2 %
Williams & Glyn's	9 1/2 %

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To judge how good these figures are, it's worth remembering that £5,000 invested in a building society over the same period would have earned interest of £345 for a basic rate taxpayer—and even less for a higher rate taxpayer.

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Plant investment: Ms McLaren, hopes to reap rewards from her nursery.

From little acorns, as they say, mighty oaks will grow. But Ms Marion McLaren of Collier Street village in Kent is hoping that the pots and plants in her new greenhouses will sprout profits when Spenny Lane Nurseries opens for business shortly, courtesy of the Government's new Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

The scheme has been run for the past year on a pilot basis in several parts of the country and went national this week. It is designed to help the unemployed set up in business on their own. Those with a place on the scheme are paid £40 a week for the first year, and Ms McLaren was one of the first at her local Jobcentre in Maidstone on Monday.

"Living out in the country, starting a nursery seemed a sensible thing to do as I have quite a bit of land attached to my house," she says. "And I could work from home, which is an advantage when you have young children. Over the past few weeks I have been busy building-up stocks of bedding plants and organizing the greenhouses in the hope that I can sign-on the scheme."

To qualify for the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, you have to fulfil a number of conditions. You must be on unemployment or supplementary benefit when you apply, and have been out of work for under 12 months. You must be under 60 years of age, and have a net worth of less than £10,000.

invest in the venture (this can be a bank loan), be over 18 and be prepared to work full time. You should go to your local Jobcentre, but you will not be able to make the formal application until you have been to a free information session organised in conjunction with the Small Firms Service.

So last Monday, Ms McLaren ended up in Sevenoaks with two children in tow, being told about Value Added Tax, bookkeeping and all the other things

she will have to grapple with if she starts up on her own. The purpose of these information sessions is to explain to candidates the potential pitfalls that lie in wait for budding entrepreneurs. Later in the day Ms McLaren saw her bank manager, who agreed to a £1,000 loan.

Before being accepted on the scheme she had to attend a session (and what is expected to be a flood of other hopefuls) will have an individual session with someone from

the Manpower Services Commission. She will have to show she has her £1,000 ready in a separate business bank account and she has to agree to let scheme officials inspect her books and monitor her progress during the year.

She will be entitled to a voluntary individual business counselling session after sign-on. And she can have two more free sessions during the year. "I have never known anything to do with government

of bureaucracy go so smoothly," Ms McLaren said. The bad news is that there is only room for 25,000 people on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme throughout the country. The number of places available in a particular area depends on the level of unemployment. Pilot schemes that have been running for the past year indicate that the EAS should be a real success. Mr Barry Phillips, the organizer in Ms McLaren's area, says: "The pilot scheme we had in the Medway Towns last year had fall-out rates of between 13 and 16 per cent - much lower than the normal failure rate for new businesses. Officials do not sit in judgment on the commercial viability of a venture. It's first come, first served for those who qualify."

Certain kinds of businesses such as gambling, anything religious or political, are banned from the scheme. But a Kiss-Off Gram service qualified. Mr Phillips said: "Most of the businesses were more mundane. We had people like blacksmiths starting-up in blacksmiths in the villages again and quite a lot of people with a traditional craft like furniture-making or renovation sign-on."

Anyone interested in the Enterprise Allowance Scheme should get in touch with their nearest Job centre as soon as possible. Margaret Drummond

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M&G (who founded unit trusts in Britain) are involved in the management of funds totalling some £1,500 million. The six Funds below may have particular appeal in the present investment climate.

AMERICAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND A new Fund with the sole objective of long-term capital growth through investment in companies which are small today but have the potential for growth into the household names of tomorrow. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. Distribution: 20th February 1984.

COMPOUND GROWTH FUND The Fund invests for capital growth in a compact portfolio of shares in companies with proven management, but a reputation may be invested in the United Kingdom Market. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. There are no distributions in the present investment climate.

RECOVERY FUND Invests for capital growth in companies which have fallen on hard times, a "speculative" policy which has proved outstandingly successful in the past. Investors must be prepared when a company falls to recover but the effect of a buyback can be dramatic. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. Distribution: 20th February 1984.

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GOLD AND GENERAL FUND Invests in a wide range of Japanese securities, embracing all aspects of the economy, the sole objective is long-term capital growth, although its performance may be volatile. Trustee: Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. Distribution: 20th February 1984.

Table with 6 columns: FUND NAME, COMPOUND GROWTH, DIVIDEND, JAPAN & GENERAL, RECOVERY, GOLD & GENERAL, AMERICAN SMALLER Co's. Rows include Launch date and price, Price of income units, % change in Fund offer price, and % change in FT Ordinary index.

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One bank loan offer you can afford to refuse

The homebuying spree is likely to overflow into an autumn consumer mini-boom as families fit out their new homes. Never slow to see the commercial possibilities, the banks are all pushing their personal loan schemes.

Latest optional extra offered by the banks is life assurance cover to pay off the loan if you die before it is repaid, and cover to maintain monthly repayments should you be sick and unable to work.

This is, however, an offer you can afford to refuse as the cost of the life cover is excessive and you could do much better by buying it elsewhere. If you already have life cover, perhaps linked to your home

loan, you probably do not need it anyway so make sure you are not paying inadvertently for something you do not want. The banks offer this as an option, and in the case of Barclays and Midlands, you will get life cover unless you stipulate that you do not require it.

This is straightforward inertia selling a practice frowned on by the Office of Fair Trading. The table shows just how much you are paying for life cover - as much as two or three pounds a month, or £36 a year. For that, a man of 30 could buy

Table titled 'MONTHLY REPAYMENTS FOR A PERSONAL LOAN OF £1,000'. Columns: National Westminster, Barclays, Midland, *Lloyds. Rows: Term (2, 3, 4, 5 years), With protection, Without protection.

*Lloyds only offers loans up to three years, which automatically include cover for death. Only the Midland scheme covers unemployment.

Large table titled 'Unit Trust Prices - change on the week'. Columns: Fund Name, Price, Change, Bid, Offer, Yield. Rows include various unit trusts like American Smaller Companies, Compound Growth, Recovery, Gold and General, Widened, and many others.

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CRICKET: TOUR GOES ON AS PLANNED

West Indies accept counties' right to pick teams without interference

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

There was good news from Lord's yesterday regarding the summer's West Indian tour to England...

of the English team which played in South Africa in the spring of last year...

Africa, and at whom the selectors cast such covetous glances will still not be available...

without some financial compensation. The possibility of this was considered by the TCCB...



Cowdrey shows how MCC used to do it. Photograph by Chris Cole

It was a close call. That, anyway, is as it was made to appear. Having refused earlier this summer...

England, having been put into bat, lost their first wicket in the ninth over. McDermott moved one up the hit to hit the top of Prichard's off-stump...

England, after having the distinction of bowling two wickets in his first over, bowled quite nicely afterwards. Cowdrey, who has been a victim of deviation, exposed England's technique...

BOWLS

Unassuming Charles in last four

Bill Charles, an unassuming cherubic man from the Alexandria club, Portsmouth, has reached the semi-final round of the singles in his second year at the Bournemouth open tournament...

Yates hopes to repeat win today

Sean Yates and Tony Doyle, Britain's two world class professional pursuers, returned with panache to track racing at Leicester yesterday in the national championships meeting...

CYCLING

Look-alike triumph for Elvis

Glenn Ralph gave a striking resemblance to Elvis Presley and to be brutally honest, it is his rock star features rather than his golfing articles for which he is famed...

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing weekend fixtures for Cricket, Football, and other sports, including dates and venues.

Coventry assets

Two Bristol Rovers players, Graham Wilbey and Nicky Plattner, signed yesterday for Coventry City. The Bristol pair cost Coventry a total fee of £3,000.

IN BRIEF

ATHLETICS: England's four-man team for the triangular decathlon international with Ireland and Scotland at Tallinn tomorrow...

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OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: International Scotland v Spain (Preston, Glasgow, 2.30). Tour match: Scotland v Pakistan (Edinburgh, 7.00).

GOLF

Course suits Sutton

Sutton: early leader

Los Angeles (Agencies) - Tom Watson, the Open champion, needs a dose of mixing the cut at the Riviera Country Club after an opening round of 75...

One of Watson's sevens came at the second hole, a par four, where he drilled a 160 yard shot into the hole...

ATHLETICS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

One rule for the poor bends ruling imposed on the rich

From David Miller, Helsinki

A lamentable comment here on Thursday by Pierre Dariaux, the technical delegate of the International Amateur Athletic Federation...

over half of the men's singles events at Wimbledon, that is because they are there on merit which is how it ought to be.

Yet, the inaugural world championships have already lost some of their credibility by excluding many of the top 10 in the world in their particular events.

Samaranch not at all alarmed

Helsinki (AP) - Juan Antonio Samaranch yesterday dismissed suggestions that the world championships, starting here tomorrow, may lessen the importance of the Olympic Games.

Mrs Smith can come of age

From Pat Butcher, Helsinki

The first world championships begin here tomorrow with a forecast of good weather, but the heat will favour Miss Mota, the winner in Athens in similar conditions last year.

Opel to Citroen

Konrad Bartelski, the skier, joins the Citroen UK rally team for the Manx international on September 15.

EQUESTRIANISM

Daunting course survives scrutiny

Capitain Mark Phillips rode his own daunting cross-country course with the minimum amount of fuss...

FOR THE RECORD

Wherry and B.P. Wherry (8) beat Solomon and Miller (11). Ladies Field Lacrosse (A) beat B.P. Wherry (8) and B.P. Wherry (8).

MINOR COUNTRIES CRICKET

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Michael Field on a bright Essex prospect

Foster's genuine pace and cool temperament can take him to the top

A year ago he shuffled into Chelmsford cricket ground, an anonymous spectator, noticed only because he was wearing a prosthetic cast. His back was aching, a promising career seemed to be over, at the age of 30. Today he strides into that same ground recognized by everyone as perhaps the brightest fast bowling prospect English cricket has produced for a decade.

The world of Neil Foster has been transformed because he gambled on a special operation to mend his back which involved the insertion of two six-inch stainless steel plates. They have kept the vertebrae rigid while the broken bones are healing. He has been able to bowl at full pace with no ill effects, and with astonishing results. He has taken 50 first-class wickets, bowled magnificently in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's and is on the verge of the England team. All in three months.

"I sometimes think it's all a dream and I'm going to wake up," Foster said. "I was very tentative when I started the season, although I'd trained hard and was very fit. But what's amazed me is that apart from a little stiffness after a hard day in the field I have had no reaction. Apart from a little swelling I get no pain.

The scars look sore and red and I only show them to the doctor!"

The operation has been judged a total success and the steel plates will be removed at the end of the season.

"It'll be a relief not to be called 'the man of steel' any more. I just hope I can take as many wickets without the plates.

Foster joined Essex from school, and although he obtained 10 O levels he decided to devote all his talents to professional cricket. He graduated from the Essex second team where he was under the watchful eye of the manager, Mike Denness, the former captain of Kent and England.

"I was surprised how quick he was when I first faced him," Denness said. "His pace is deceptive. But what always impressed me most was his action - it's flowing and fluent. He also has the great asset of bowling close to the stumps and can move the ball into the batsman's away."

"We haven't rushed him, wanting him to complete his apprenticeship so it was a tremendous blow when he broke the bone in his back. His comeback is quite unbelievable."

His Essex colleagues all talk of Foster's equable temperament. None more so than fellow fast bowler John Lever, who predicts that with his genuine pace and ability to stay cool



Foster: his world transformed after a special operation.

under pressure, he will go to the top.

His bowling in the Benson and Hedges final proved the point. His three wickets for 26 in 11 overs and his magnificent run-out of Mike Gatting should have won Essex the trophy.

According to Denness, his protégé is level-headed and knows exactly where he is going. "He has plenty of ambition, plus an aggressive streak, two highly important attributes for a fast bowler."

Some critics say he is too tall and thin to make a classical fast bowler, and could have a tendency to breakdown. This theory is dismissed by Denness. "I can remember the time when his shoulders were too small for his long-sleeved sweater and it wouldn't fit! But he's lithe and athletic and he's a nice developer. He's filling out lately... and I think England need him now."

After a break this week, Foster, said: "I need the rest and time to reflect and catch up on all the mail and do some photography - mostly Essex cricket and country scenes. I'm a country boy at heart!"

One of the letters he has to answer is from Australia. He has been asked to return to play club cricket in Tasmania (he won a Whitbread cricket scholarship there two years ago). He has also been promised a job as a cropper in a casino at Hobart. And a winter in the sun is a prospect that appeals to him.

But what about spending the winter in Pakistan and New Zealand as a member of the England cricket team?

"I'll cross that bridge if and when it comes. I'll believe I'm in the England team when I'm playing and only then. In the meantime I'm very happy playing for Essex."

Leading first-class cricket averages

Table with columns: Batting, Name, Runs, Wickets, Average. Lists top performers like I.R. Pringle, P. Pocock, and G.S. Stevenson.

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SWIMMING

Caulkins scores seven in a row at mixed events. Clovis, California (Reuters) - Tracy Caulkins won the women's 400 metres individual medley title at the US long-course swimming championships for the seventh successive time.

MOTOR CYCLING

Spencer hopes to clinch world championship. Andersson, Sweden (reuter) - Freddie Spencer, the United States Of America, could secure the world motorcycle championship in his first full season on a Sunday by winning the Swedish 500cc grand prix.

RUGBY UNION

Argentina stay with side who beat Australia. Sydney, Australia (AFP) - Rodolfo O'Reilly, Argentina's rugby union coach, has retained the team who beat Australia 19-3 in the first international match in Brisbane last weekend for the final international at the Sydney cricket ground tomorrow.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

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Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Fountain and Grotto 6.50 History of Mathematics... 1.00 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam...

tv-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly... 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 7.10

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information 9.30 Sesame Street... 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Doreen Davies...



The Best of Laurel and Hardy, a compilation film on Channel 4, 2.45pm

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 3.35) 3.45 Film: Are You With It? (1948) starring Donald O'Connor...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.45 The Best of Laurel and Hardy... 4.15 Tchoi Tchoi: An animated film, made in Canada...

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Tolstoy's Anna Karenina... 9.00 Camberkirk Green: For the very young (r)... 11.00 News

tv-am

- 7.15 Rub-a-Dub-Tub For the under eights... 8.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelly...

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 LWT Information. Programme news 9.30 Parents and Teenagers... 12.15 News



Spencer Leigh (left) and David Morrissey in One Summer (Channel 4, 9.15pm)

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 1.55) 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam...

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Film: The Painted Veil (1934) starring Greta Garbo and Herbert Marshall... 4.00 Irish Gaelic: Surgeon John Robb...

Radio 4

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 11.00 News... 12.22 Quote... Unquote! 12.55 Weather...

Radio 3

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 11.00 News... 12.22 Quote... Unquote! 12.55 Weather...

TONIGHT'S PROM

- 7.30 Rameau: Hippolyte et Aricie (see page 2)... 8.45 Act 4 and 5 with Jennifer Smith...

Radio 1

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast... 7.00 News... 11.00 News... 12.22 Quote... Unquote! 12.55 Weather...

Radio 4

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- 7.30 Philip Grange: Cimmerian Nuncius... 8.35 Elliott Carter: Triple Duo...

Radio 1

- 6.00 Pat Sharp... 7.00 News... 11.00 News... 12.22 Quote... Unquote! 12.55 Weather...

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S4C Starts 2.00pm Ulster Landscapes... CENTRAL As London except... SCOTTISH As London except... BORDER As London except...

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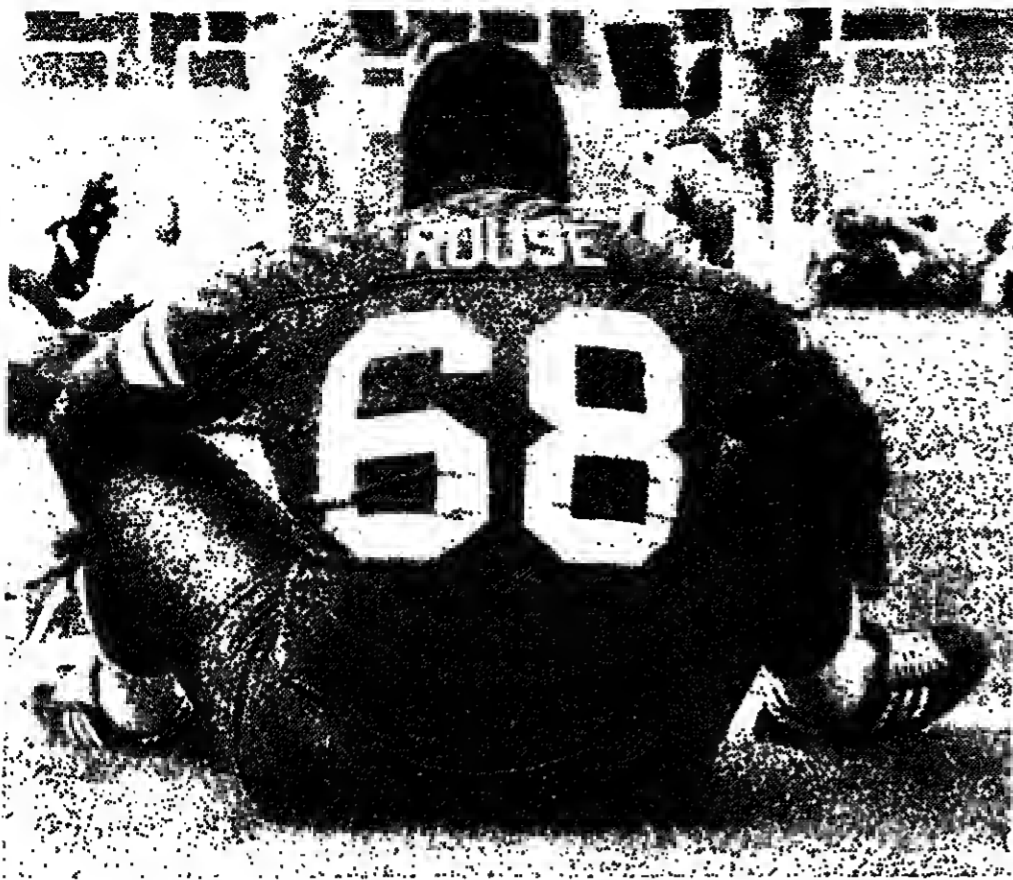
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WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: 1 Stereo, 2 Hi-Fi and white (r) Repeat.

Gridiron giants come to Wembley superbowl



It's the big one... big enough to give even Curtis "Bon Bon" Rouse, left, food for a moment's thought. Bon Bon (6ft 3in and 300lb) and his Minnesota Vikings colleagues take on the ecclesiastical might of the St Louis Cardinals at Wembley Stadium this evening after practising a few set plays in the temple of Association Football yesterday. It will be Britain's first big gridiron game. Preview, page 15

Seven die in hotel massacre

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

Two gangsters yesterday shot dead seven hostages after failing to break open the safe and safety deposit boxes at a luxury hotel in Avignon, southern France. The dead, three of them women, included the French Consul General in Saarbrücken, West Germany.

Police have started to reconstruct the hostages' last hour of life. At about 3.30am two men walked into the lobby of the hotel near the city centre and took the receptionist, Nicole van Buren, aged 23, and a porter, René Pool, aged 28, into the ground-floor office.

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Zimbabwe restores censorship

Continued from page 1
"Western press has its knife in Zimbabwe", was declared London and contained a number of errors and omissions.

Sri Lanka MPs vote to ban separatist parties

Continued from page 1
Government, and the Communist Party member said he supported the amendment but absented himself from the House in protest at the prescription of his party.

Letter from Budapest Blowing the whistle on a football scandal

The heat which weighs on the limbs as heavily as gabardine has almost smothered the life of Budapest. But there is still enough righteous zeal for citizens to sit in cafes and buses and argue the pros and cons of a bizarre football corruption scandal smacking of high farce, low deals and professional foul.

Today's events

New exhibitions
Somerset Guild of Craftsmen 50th Anniversary Summer Exhibition, Taunton Technical College, Wellington Road, Taunton; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (from today until Aug 20).

Construction

construction since 3,000 BC. City Museum and Art Gallery, Priests-gate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Mon and Sun; (from today until Sept 3).

Last chance to see

Exhibition of the work of John Ruskin: Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).

Roads

London and South-east: A4: Lane closures on Cromwell Road West between Earl Court and Barons Court tomorrow. A32: Extra traffic expected for European Skiing Championships near Thorpe Park, Egham, A26, A275, A27: Heavy traffic at Lewes, Sussex because of carnival. Buckingham Palace Road closed at Victoria Station 9 pm to 7 am, tonight and tomorrow night.

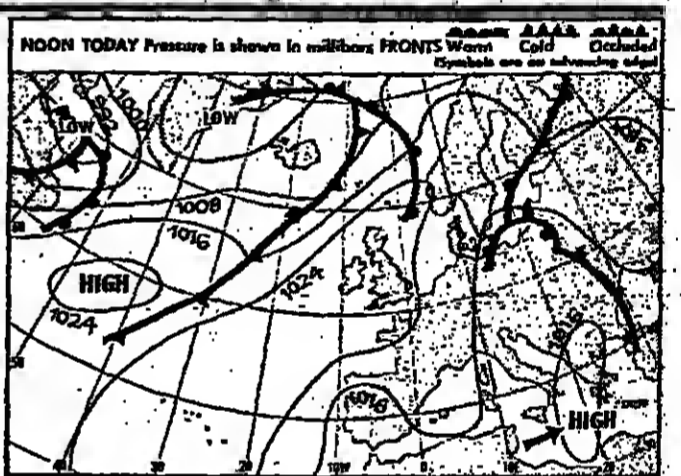
Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW
Oxfordshire: Watlington Horticultural Centre, nr Wheatley, 8m E of Oxford, 2m from Wheatley on old A40; ornamental gardens, nurseries, glasshouses, fruit, alpines, shrubs, herbaceous, many interesting plants; 10 to 6.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure will remain over Britain.

London, Midlands, central & English Dry, sunny periods, mild variable, light, max temp 22 to 24°C (72 to 75°F).
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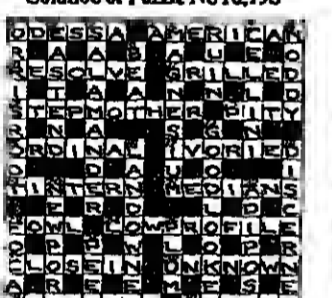


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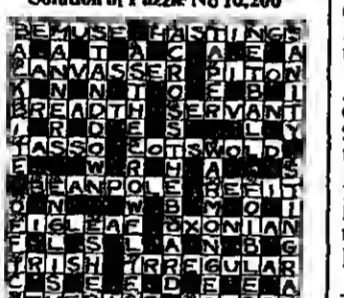
Yesterday: Temperatures at major weather stations, in °C, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th.

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Birmingham	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Blackpool	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bristol	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Edinburgh	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Solution of Puzzle No 16, 19S



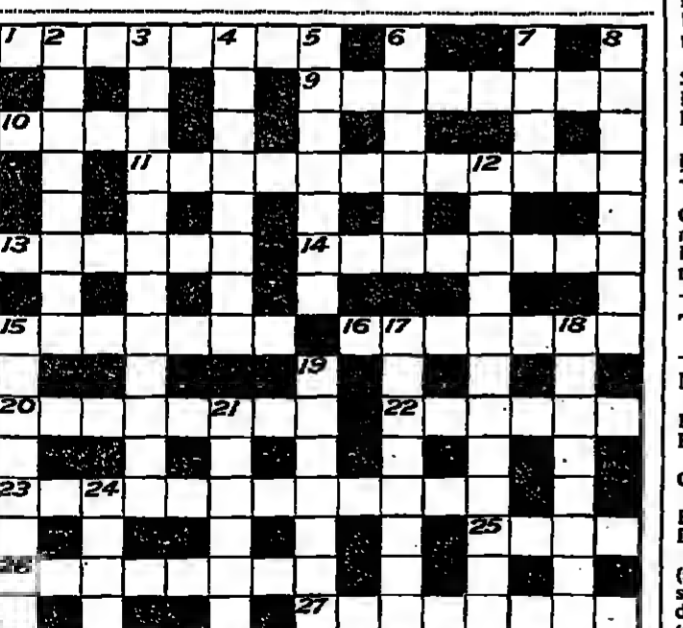
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16, 201

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9JT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr J.M.H. Wright, 44 Broad Road, Sale, Cheshire; Monte Jacobson, 26 Marefield Gardens, London N.W.3; K.W. Rowe, 23 Thorpe Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.



- ### ACROSS
- 1 Take off quickly for the motor-bike race (8).
 - 9 Hetero-skeler (little different from clubland) (4-4).
 - 10 Exhaust noise of car when repeated by Toad (4).
 - 11 Domiciliary illness suffered by Browning in April (12).
 - 13 Kind of ball that lasts two or three games (6).
 - 14 Did Hadrian avoid pointing this way? (3-5).
 - 15 Style so frenzied the heart throbbers get smaller (7).
 - 16 Plant giving outstanding cover (7).
 - 20 Wheeled vehicle for a balancing act (8).
 - 22 Low language student has the entire article (6).
 - 23 Half-sister smothered in flattery - it's delecting (12).
 - 24 A drop of Calvados (but not to itself) (5).
 - 26 It gives visual aid (as not to itself) (5).
 - 27 The Spanish painters each having the same dream of gold (6).
- ### DOWN
- 2 Sort of sticks you start to use, maybe, to put this down (4-4).
 - 3 A starting order for call-over (12).
 - 4 Castle provides cover for a Scottish soldier (8).
 - 5 One so deep in trouble becomes part of the serial (7).
 - 6 So spirited a herald? (6).
 - 7 Pop over the channel - for fruit, say? (4-5).
 - 8 Swagging, having boisterous air (8).
 - 12 European, but not one of the lower German provinces (12).
 - 15 Lazy sort of pest all over the garden (8).
 - 17 Bribed to accept wood for this form of heating? (3-5).
 - 18 Trained order to spread it out (8).
 - 19 Vanbrugh's fall back (7).
 - 21 Having the same length of tooth (6).
 - 24 Second hand as called by duster (4).

Music

Grove organ recital, by Thomas Trotter, Tewkesbury Abbey, 7.30.
Organ recital by Herford, Mendoc, Winchester Cathedral, 6.45.
Organ recital by Janos Sebestyen, Worcester Cathedral, 6.30.

General

Funerals 83: Children's activities and entertainment, Bingley Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham, 11 to 7; (from today until Aug 21).
Rutland Agricultural Show, Buryton, on the Hill, nr Grafton, Leicestershire, from 9.30 (today and tomorrow).
Bangor Horticultural Society Summer Flower Show, Castle Leisure Centre, Bangor, Northern Ireland, 2 to 10 (2 to 5 tomorrow).
National Tawse Criers' Championship, Warrington Square, Hastings, 2.30.
Colchester Festival: The Siege of Colchester (1648) reenacted by members of The Sealed Knot, Castle Park, Colchester, 2.30 (today and tomorrow).

Tomorrow

Music
Concert by Otterbein College Band from Ohio, USA, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.
Concert by Medici String Quartet, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 8.15.
Organ recital by Jonathan Holmes, Chumleigh Parish Church, Devon, 6.30.

Recital by Kirsteen Grant (soprano), Isabel Findlay (mezzo-soprano), Shona Maitland (accompanist) and Kenneth Dunsmuir (piano), former Darlington New Church, Arr, 8.

General

Custom Cat Show, Belvoir Castle, nr Grantham, Leics, 12.

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The papers

The Daily Mail says the horrifying communal violence in Sri Lanka belongs to a sadly familiar pattern. Can any be held responsible for the British empire's end and of protection for millions of people belonging to minority racial groups. Every day which passes shows more clearly that we have reasons for pride, not shame, at the role we once played.

The pound

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Canada \$	1.80
Denmark Kr	14.80
France Fr	12.31
Germany DM	4.10
Greece Dr	135.00
Hongkong \$	125.00
India Rupee	1.29
Italy Lira	2430.00
Japan Yen	379.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56
Spain Ptas	12.00
Sweden Kr	11.46
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South Africa Rd	1.98
Hainan Ptas	227.00
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Yugoslavia Dnr	154.00

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Japan Yen	379.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56
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Sweden Kr	11.46
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Lighting-up time

London 8.11 pm to 8.02 am
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